

# Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's history while it's being made

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## Cool Celebration

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RESPIRE FROM EXTREME temperatures was welcomed by participants in the Australia Day breakfast.

The formalities began with Kayelene McMillan conducting a special Welcome to Country. This included the song *I am Australian* in the Adnymathanha language, Yura Ngawarla, with everyone joining in the final chorus.

Mayor Peter Slattery announced the winners of the 2019 Australia Day Awards.

Citizen of the Year was Carlene Voigt, recognised for her years of community service in all areas of the community — health, sport, Christmas carols and, in particular her recent contribution with the development of the Quorn preloved shop.

Young Citizen of the Year was James Chapman, who was recognised for representing Quorn at state and national level table tennis and tennis. He has also contributed to the community by volunteering at U9 carnival, tennis club, stockyard arena and cricket club. He also umpires cricket.

The event of the year was The Cradock History and War Memorial — a great asset for the Cradock community. ■



Carlene Voigt and James Chapman



Mayor Peter Slattery and Kayelene McMillan

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# Eulogy



## Ronald Leonard Hilder

16 Oct 1924 — 29 Nov 2018

*Precious memories are  
paintings in the mind that no  
one can erase.*

IT IS WITH pride that I thank you all HEAPS helping us *celebrate* the full life of our loving and much loved husband, Father & Pa. A *celebration* it must be.

For years I've acknowledged our good fortune in having both mother and father enjoy long and healthy lives, enabling three generations to share portions of their 67+ years together. I'm sorry that not every family is so lucky. Father used to say "It's got nothing to do with luck!" However, in latter years he became less convinced about this, - perhaps it was just that he had given up on me looking after myself!

Ronald Leonard Hilder was born in Quorn (at the Old Hospital, (Andu Lodge) on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 1924 to proud parents Hilda May and Leonard Henry Hilder.

They had lost their first-born son Edward at just five months of age, so Ron was welcomed as a special brother for an older sister Sylvia and foster sister Maud.

The seasons delivered dry and windy conditions in the early '40's, resulting in dust storms so severe that meals from 'under the table cloth', and having to save the chooks in the yard from suffocation by rescuing them two or three times during the day, was the normal routine.

Father was educated at Itali Itali School at Richman's Creek, which meant six miles on horseback each day from home at Kingswood, in all weathers.

The severe dust storms forced the family to relocate to Quorn for a couple of years, and Father attended Quorn Primary School during that period.

His Dad required help in running the farm, so schooling for Father was about meeting the regulatory requirement to attend until he reached the age of 14, so that he could leave school to work full time on the farm.

Back at Itali Itali School, Father repeated Year 7 to meet the minimum leaving age requirement.

I imagine his work life as a young man on the family property, with his father Len, would have been long hours and following instructions how things were to be done. A strong (Methodist) work ethic is entrenched in the Hilder DNA.

Ask Broom to share with you an anecdote about Len's efforts maximise productivity in stooking sheaved hay he took every opportunity to use time and input from passing neighbours to 'get a bit more done' in the day!

[Yes...; and I can hear you saying - *The apple doesn't fall far from the tree!*...]

Father was 18 years of age when he was called up on 23 Jan 1943. After training at Puckapunyal, Victoria and Canungra, in Queensland he was deployed to New Guinea, and served with the 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion at Bougainville and Rabaul.

For Father and other young men from small rural communities, war service would have quickly matured them, through exposure to *ways of the world* they had not yet encountered, quite apart from the impact of trauma associated with military fighting and battle casualties.

After his military service, Father returned to Australia on the ship *Kanimbla* and was discharged from the army on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1946.

Through shared experience of army life, Father made a life-long friendship with a chap from the city – one George Reed.

They kept up their association after their time in the army, and our two families are as close as blood relations.

Not long after returning from the war, he suffered a life-long injury. A certain Doctor's assistant ("... *that you Darrfy?*") attended to a leg wound caused by a kick from a horse.

Dr Tippelt authorised Mother to apply treatment from the Infra-Red heat lamp and as a result, Dad suffered a burn and was scarred for life.

Apparently Dr Tippelt did not approve of Mother chatting to any patients except Father! Seems like he knew something because before long Mother and Father married and Mother joined Father on the farm at Kingswood in December 1950.

In Father's words, on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday –

*"My introduction to farming at Kingswood, was with a team of horses, four-furrow plough, fourteen-hoe combine and set of harrows that I walked behind. A five-foot stripper, a winnower, three-bushel bags and ... a (horse-drawn) wagon were the technology of the day.*

*Shearing was with blades. The rousies tramped the wool into packs and closed them up with bag needle and twine.*

*Everyone walked to and from the shed; and on occasions the shearers would spend the evening with our family around an open fire in the lounge room. Entertainment would be Grand-Dad playing the accordion or Mother on the piano."*

Father considered that during the first half of his life, nothing changed. There was a consistent routine around sheep for wool, cattle for meat and low-input dairying, and horses to do the heavy haulage.

The second half of his life was characterised by rapid changes —32 volt diesel generator with battery storage to 240 volt mains supply in 1968; telephone party line / manual switchboard system to communication by mobile 'phone as the norm. Modern conveniences that we take for granted; —electric lighting, air conditioning, and reliable supply of hot and cold running water showers, have replaced candles, a damp rag draped around one's neck to keep cool, and a

family bath once-a-week on a Saturday night whether it was needed or not.

A blemish in his ability to properly assess the winds of change, was in making capital improvements by choosing to build a 4-stand dairy, but only a 2-stand shearing shed!

In some ways, Father and I are more suited to the times of the other. I am sure he would have cherished modern technology, embracing it in earnest; and who knows where it may have taken him.

In our years working the farm together before Father actually handed over the cheque book, and the reins and responsibility for day to day decision making, he didn't demonstrate the sense of humour and more carefree attitude to life that I've enjoyed sharing with him, this last 20-odd years. His more constrained approach was ingrained as a result of the very challenging conditions when he commenced his worklife as a 'farming man'.

I knew he had it in him, by the somewhat larrikin mates he hooked up with – the likes of Uncle Georgie Reed, Bruno, and Rosco, ... (who sadly have passed) and others, who are here today. The years I enjoyed working the farm with Father and Bruno in their 'retirement', will always be very special to me. Between them, they were worth a workman to me; and I cherish the memory of what Bruno called – an "interesting" life.

Father's command of the English language, considering he had only a primary school education, was exemplary; his letter writing something to behold; and his impromptu expressions of wit, even during his final days, impossible to match.

Mother will tell you – as she was about to leave his bedside one evening during his last week, saying to Father... "Goodnight; and I love you."

Father's heartfelt response ... "You've told me that already, today!"

A favourite working quotation is from the day when our lifelong neighbour and mate *Grogger* (Ian) was helping me crutch sheep at Kingswood. He had to be excused from the job to keep an appointment with a prospective buyer of an item of farm machinery.

Father questioned: "Is the said machine obsolete, or surplus to requirements?" Grog and I still joke about whether the item actually fitted into BOTH those categories!

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During 'butcher shop days', a prime beast had succumbed to some sort of injury back on the farm. And in due course the carcass was processed for meat products at East Park Meat. Mother and Father were expected to make a visit to the shop, and I asked my staff to make sure Father went home with some corned brisket, one of his favourite cuts.

On Father's arrival, Whippsy said: "Got some good corned brisket this week, Uncle Ron!" Is it off the animal in question?, was Father's retort.

Father has left me with many quotable quotes and stories to tell.

*"An hours work in the mornings, is worth two in the afternoon"*

*"An hour in bed before midnight, is worth two afterwards"*

*"If there's nothing GOOD to say about someone, then say nothing at all"*

*"Well .....; it's the RIGHT MONTH to be sowing, anyway!"*

*"We'll milk the cows, and call it a day"*

*"Take it EASY"*

*"Well done"*

... are firm favourites, that I'll hang on to forever.

The one thing Father didn't teach me was to take time off for holidays. Mother and Father enjoyed holidays in six different states staying with Dennis and Kathy or grandchildren.

Father was well known for contributing to the community. He was a member and Elder of the Methodist Church (now Uniting Church) here in Quorn. His roles included teacher and Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Chair of the Church Property Committee. His commitment to the church here in Quorn is recognised by recording that it was he who unveiled the plaque commemorating 100 years of service.

He was a member of the *board of management* Flinders House Aged Care Facility board of management;

'Quorn Hospital'

'Quorn Agricultural Show Society Committee',

'Quorn Area School Council, and Secretary and playing member of Quorn Bowling Club.

He served as a local government councillor for 11 years and Deputy Mayor for three years and was an active Justice of the Peace from 1976.

In recent times he enjoyed regular involvement with the Men's Shed, importantly as 'Toastmaster'; (or was it 'Toast Maker'?).

When Aunty Edna Rodgers became unable to accompany Mother with *Meals On Wheels* deliveries, Father joined the volunteers' roster.

Taking interest in the welfare of friends, neighbours and community business houses was a priority for Mother and Father during their working days on the farm. That snowballed when they had more time on their hands during retirement at 6 West Terrace.

Father made it a priority to assist anybody in the community who he was encountering difficulties, by making a visit and offering words of encouragement in support.

Father was admitted to Quorn Hospital on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Dr Tony's pledge -

*We will keep him comfortable, and do our very best* was a most fitting commitment to Father, who often stated that his goal in life was ...to have his family comfortable, and to do his best."

Even in an aged body, his fitness and fighting spirit meant that he showed a remarkable response to medical treatment. This allowed us all time to share precious last moments with him. Visits from neighbours and friends were always received with gratitude and repartee.

I was privileged to spend one - on - one company with him during night shifts, and the specialty of this, I'll appreciate for ever. We talked about, and discussed most things; and when Father agreed with my goal in life - "*to be happy in own skin*", so, I became very confident he was ready for the unfortunate inevitable.

Thank you, Father' This last chapter in your book has added to the already huge pile of pride we have in you. The way we communicate with each other, and support each other as we grieve, is testament to the quality seed sown and nurtured by you and Mother.

You have been the most complete rock for us. We love you. We respect you. Well done.

**A life well lived. Rest in peace. ■**

# Friendly People of Quorn

In 2007 I had a major illness that saw me in RAH for eight months. A slow recovery programme lasted until 2011.

When I got the all clear from my specialist I decided to relocate from the northern suburbs to the country. Where to go?

Long time friends and 4WD adventurers ,lover of birds and all things nature, Garry and Jenny Thompson, said What about Quorn. It has great walking trails, gorges, bird watching areas and the outback at the back door.”

So in October 2013 I came to live at 80 Park Terrace. I have enjoyed my stay in Quorn, made different friends for different outlooks, had cousins in Port Augusta and North Shields I am also 300 Kilometres closer to Cowarie station that I have made my bird survey site since 1990.

I thank Flinders Ranges Council for allowing me to continue my love of growing trees from seeds. The ninety plus that I have planted along Park Terrace make me feel proud of their growth and beauty, considering they were still seeds in 2014.

There have been a couple of slow downs in my health. mainly kidney operations and a double by-

pass in 2016 with recovery under the care of Dr Tony.

I sincerely hope that Dr Tony’s concerns for the health and welfare of the people of Quorn and district does not fall on deaf ears. And that his concerns are acted upon sooner rather than later so that he too can have more time to enjoy what Quorn has to offer.

My family are many, and I am but one. But now in my 80th year its time for the one to move closer to the many.

I have moved to 11 Park Terrace Taillem Bend- where I have cousins. also at Goolwa and Víctor Harbour. I have even an old school friend. We shared primary school together in Terowie 1945-1950. How about that!

To my long time friends' of forty plus years Jenny and Elizabeth and my new found friends of just five years, Helen and Gerry, from the heart I say, I share your grief.

For those who cannot put a face to my name, I am a some what look a like of Dr Tony. O.K. I am a poor look a like of the good doctor.  
May God be with you all

Peter Taylor ■

11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018

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## Nov 2018 edition – Great War Armistice

As I read and re-read the November issue of the “*Quorn Mercury*”, I am moved to acknowledge the time and effort that so many people continue to contribute, to ensure its publication. Items of information interest or education seem to come together to make good reading.

I won’t hazard a guess at the number of hours involved in conducting interviews, etc.; to put together the article on Armistice Day.

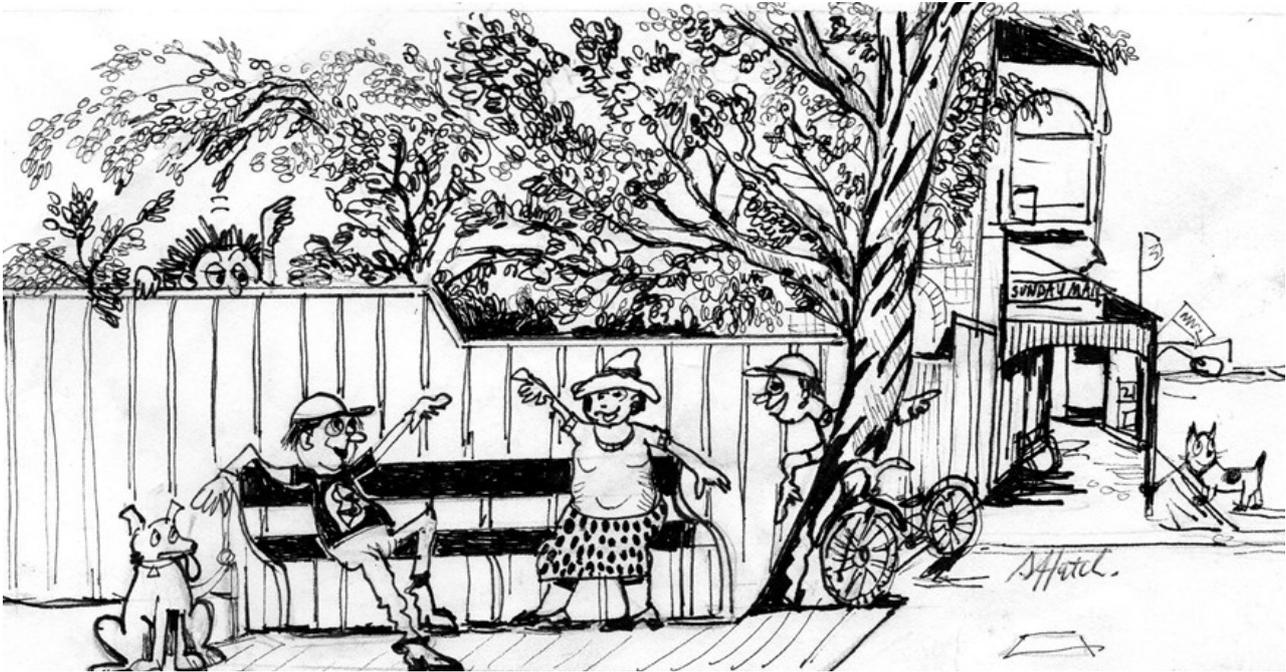
The publication never fails to convey that *Quorn is up and about!* and wants the world to know.

Congratulations, and best wishes;  
Ron Hilder  
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*The letter above was given by the family to the Mercury after Mr. Hilder’s passing*

# Chat with a Quornie

## Leslee Sharp



I LEFT INVERCARGILL, NZ for Moss Vale in the southern highlands of NSW, with five kids and six suitcases.

I wanted a new start and a home in the country for my three girls and two boys (The eldest girl stayed behind for work).

The farmhouse, *Oldberry Farm*, which I rented from Mr Simpson, a Sydney barrister, needed a lot of work done.

When Mrs Simpson picked me up from my first \$200 a week place, she said that the farmhouse wasn't as good as this. I didn't care, as rent would only be \$25pw. It was in the country, with beautiful views.

The farm manager, Keith, also from NZ, knew I'd helped with shearing at home, and asked me if I'd like to be the *rousie* (rouseabout) in the shearing shed.

I'd worked for Manu Kanaka's team in NZ, where women worked alongside men in the sheds. I knew I could pen up, pull sheep out and fleece up as well as anyone.

Keith's wife, Betty, said she'd look after the kids, so I agreed to start, though I was keen to start painting the house.

### Shearing

ON THE FIRST DAY, the men ignored me right through morning smoko. I sat with Betty and the kids away from them. You could have cut the air with a knife.

No one looked me in the eye, but they were watching. I was quick and efficient, and they noticed. Eventually I learnt to say what I thought, and gained their respect.

At the end of shearing, I was asked 'Can we come and get you if we're short? The answer was a flat 'No'.

### Renovating

AFTER FOUR WEEKS on the farm, we could no longer see daylight between the floor and the wall. We'd done the beading. Next job was the bathroom and toilet.

After I painted the house inside, Mr Simpson offered to buy paint for the outside. I agreed, and painted all day, with the kids help.

The cost of electrical and plumbing repairs was too high, so I carefully pulled out wiring, made diagrams, and did my own repairs. Everything worked.

The younger kids and I raised Muscovy ducks and chickens. They loved watching the ducklings and chickens hatch. They all helped Keith round the farm.

He gave them motorbikes to ride. Dean got very daring, and jumped the dam on his.

One day the boys told me that Keith had thrown a lamb over a fence into the next paddock. We found her, and put her in a box with a 'hottie' (hot water bag). We called her Noddy.

Noddy repaid us by chewing the wiring of the car, lifting the latch on the gate and chasing the car up the driveway. But when she matured, I just couldn't eat her.

### New Skills

I TOOK A JOB at the Moss Vale Export Meatworks as the Computer Operator on the killing room floor, recording kill flow. I'd never had a computer job before, but the manager persuaded me that I could do it.

The hardest part was training others to do the job, as it was a busy Meatworks, employing more than 1500 people. Cattle, sheep and pork were processed.

The manager suggested that I become Quality Control Officer. It meant that I had to observe stock unloaded from the trucks, and up the race to the chiller door.

There had been a previous problem with stock losses—when the cattle smelled the blood of the animals ahead of them they'd panic. They'd try to double back to escape.

The manager asked me what I was going to do about it. I ordered a cemented, sloping race, to be constructed. The stock couldn't turn round in it to go back.

Another problem was with cows ready to drop (calve) going up the race. I told the boys to 'Leave them in the paddock till they calve'.

Stockowners had to be educated to produce stock with marbled meat for the huge Japanese demand. We had a job keeping up supply for the market.

Calves' foetal blood was collected by drivers for the Pathology Department of North Ryde Hospital. It was used for treatment of leukaemia patients.

A Christmas tradition was hosing down the workers. The boss told the men not to hose me, because I was working on the computers. But they watched for when I had to go to the chillers. Then I was thoroughly blasted with the wide nozzle hose.



Leslee in the South Island, NZ

The kids and I left Australia for a short period, to live on Stewart Island south of NZ.

My girlfriend lived there with her family. We enjoyed an adventure, without power, using a generator for both washing and the occasional TV viewing.

### Making a home

BACK IN AUSTRALIA again, I met Alan Cope. He was lessee of the Bowral Hotel.

We decided to build a house on a hill near Mittagong. Alan was an electrician, his father and brother, builders. We did all the fitting ourselves. Alan said 'You can do it.'



The house we built at Mittagong

The plumber—a friend, told us how, and we dug trenches, laid pipes, tiled and fitted the bathrooms. We built retaining walls, sandstone paths and planted a garden. Alan made a beautiful cedar latticed verandah.

We sold the house three years ago, but I'd buy it back again tomorrow if I could.

At the time, I was working three jobs—at Bowral hospital, the pub and the Meatworks.

Later, I worked at Old Abbey Aged Care, Mittagong. I learnt what good aged care can be like in a caring, respectful environment.

When I worked with intellectually challenged people in a Government operated home at Bundanoon, my children loved to visit.

They'd come when we had a BBQ on weekends. We'd have a fun evening with scones, jam and cream after everyone cleaned up. Then we'd put the music on for a disco.

I sometimes took someone home to have Christmas with us. Alan was very patient with them. He spent many nights helping a young man with cerebral palsy learn to read.

My determination to do everything myself, and not to give myself a break, resulted in my first stroke. I was discharged from hospital, and went home to shift a pile of rubble. I had a second stroke, and was taken to Westmead Hospital in Sydney.

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Luckily, there were no ill effects. I went back to nursing the early shift, and collecting pathology samples between 1.30 pm and 3.30am. I drove from Wollongong to North Ryde Hospitals.

Besides the bloods and urine samples, I carried kidneys, foetuses (five from one mother who miscarried) and limbs.



Leslee (front left), with family in Invercargill. A brother is centre back, a sister and youngest granddaughter, right

### Early Years in NZ

I'D COME from a family of four—three girls and a boy. It was a 3rd generation Scottish-German family. They'd lived and died in Invercargill, South Island, NZ.

I was the oldest, and looked after the young ones. Their bed-wetting made Mum so angry that I'd bundled up the evidence and hide it away before she got up. During the night, I'd wake up the poor kid with the small bladder and head him, half asleep, towards the toilet.

Mum had been raised by her grandparents—the child of one of their 12 children. They spoil her terribly.

When I left school, I trained as a nurse at Invercargill Hospital. I married, and stayed there with my children, as a single parent.

I worked two jobs to build us a home. I'd taught myself to sew, and made all my kids clothes—the girls dresses, the boys pants and shirts, knitted Fair Isle jumpers for all.

There was no spare money for tradesmen. I worked out how to repair things, starting with electrical faults—making diagrams of where the coloured wires went. I fixed whatever was not working.

I dealt with employers and business people. My family depended on me not to be cheated, or taken advantage of. It paid off later when I had to be firm in our business.

Alan and I lived up above the shop for 12 years, until we bought our Sixth Street home.

### Home in Quorn.

ON OUR BLOCK I've made garden beds; paths; paved round a fishpond and pergola; made a flower-covered arch. I've planted trees, exotic flowers and shrubs and natives. I love sitting

under the trees, with a coffee.

Home is decorated with antique box-framed pictures in cross stitch, paper tole and silk ribbon work.

I've quilted for years, and taught myself many patterns.

When I had the Bakehouse Quilt Shop open, many



Silk ribbon work

tourists came and bought my hand-stitched quilts. They ended up in many places in Australia, UK, Ireland and US.

I enjoy trying out new designs, to take on my visits to my granddaughters, in NZ, NSW and the Qld coast.

In Quorn a few years ago, there was a spate of break-ins and smashed windows. By chance, I saw two people in front of the shop late one night. It was clear they were looking to break in. I rushed downstairs.



A Kaleidoscope quilt

It didn't take me many words to tell them to get going. And they did! My time working in the Meatworks, and shearing sheds, taught me not to hesitate, but to 'tell it like it is'.

A few years ago, my great friend, and Maid of Honour at my wedding, was diagnosed with bowel cancer. I dropped everything, and drove backwards and forwards to NSW to nurse her in her home.

My son Dean and I, packed up her house in Mittagong, and shifted her down the coast to a new home. We laid 10 tonne of mulch to start her new garden.

Her death, two years later, affected me greatly—she was such a loyal friend, and we shared many memories.

### **Beautifying Quorn**

LAST NOVEMBER, Nadine and I, Nicole and some other ladies, made poppies for the 100th anniversary of Remembrance Day.

We made over 2000 felt, crochet, knitted and felted red poppies for the servicemen, and purple poppies for the animals. Briony made a backing board, and we sewed them onto a cargo net for display.

I'm determined that our town will look attractive and inviting to residents and visitors.

Luckily, I have some like-minded friends.

Next Christmas, we aim to put up new, and colourful decorations. We'll raise money for the project by having a display of quilts to raffle over Easter in the empty *Coffee Pot* shop on First Street.



Mounting poppies—Leslee standing at right

I believe that if something needs doing, we should do it ourselves—whether it's at home or the town we live in. This has been how I've lived my life, and the way I intend to go on living it—self-reliant and decisive. ■



2000 poppies at the War Memorial

# PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



## Hello Quorn!

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

We wish you all a healthy, happy and prosperous 2019. There are some exciting things happening for PRR this year and you will be kept informed as the year progresses. Summer is the time for engines to have their annual 'check up' and boiler inspections, the track to have catch up work done which cannot happen when trains are running and carriages to have brake and wheel maintenance work completed. The Quorn Depot is a busy place year round.

## Nm 25 to have a shiny new look

It is time to repaint NM25 and give it a new look to start the season. In preparation for painting on the Australia Day weekend Julian Hipwell spent a lot of time steam cleaning the engine then going over it with a pressure cleaner. At the end of the day he was covered in black 'gunk' and hardly recognisable (what a legend). The engine was then moved into the Carriage Restoration Shed in readiness for painting. We all now look forward to seeing a shiny NM25 in all its glory out on track at Easter.



A Flinders Tradition since 1974

## Refurbishment of Sturt

In 2018 the carriage known as Sturt was withdrawn from service and moved into the Carriage Restoration Shed to be fully refurbished inside and out. Geoff Cox is the master painter of carriages and he has worked his magic once again repainting Sturt. Seats have all been reupholstered and new toilets fitted. The carriage has now been moved into the workshop for the wheels, bogies and brake maintenance work. Then it will also join the fleet looking like new. Well done all the Carriage Restorers.



## Rails also suffer in the heat!

Following the excessive temperatures experienced in Quorn mid January Hayden Hart has reported four heat buckles have occurred in the track.

As well as we humans, railway tracks also fall victim to heat-related stress, and work is now required to realign the rails. Just another on-going challenge for the track gang to conquer in their already busy schedule.

## 2019 timetable/brochure

The timetable/brochures for 2019 are now available. Pick up your copy from the Visitor Information Centre at the Quorn Railway Station. Maybe you can pass a copy on to friends and family and help us to promote our railway.

[pichirichirailway.org.au](http://pichirichirailway.org.au)

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# Skylark — Bruce Delany

**THE BEST HORSE** I ever saw was Skylark. ‘Eringa’ was a horse-breeding Station, and Kidman often sent top sires up to improve the blood.

Skylark was a beautiful big (17-hand) dish-faced chestnut gelding by an imported Irish stallion. And I really coveted that horse! Alas it wasn’t to be.

We were running brumbies on ‘Eringa’, and the bloke riding Skylark worked him about five days out of seven. He rode him into the ground, because he was such a beautiful horse to ride.

The boss should have chipped him about that, but didn’t. Well, the inevitable happened, and the horse broke down. We were at a place called ‘Ludgate’s Well’, and the poor bugger couldn’t put his near forefoot on the ground.

The boss was going to shoot him. (*I wanted to shoot the bastard that’d ridden him, instead.*) But there was a bloke by the name of Rupert Gange re-timbering the well, and he asked the boss to leave the horse with him, and he’d see if he could get him right. So, the boss did that.

Nearly two years later, a chap by the name of Rupert Gange entered a horse called Skylark in the Oodnadatta Cup. This may not sound like much, but let me tell you, the Oodnadatta Cup was the subject of intense rivalry between Station owners and managers. And proud was the Property that had ‘The Cup’ in its possession.

Horses came from as far away as north of Alice Springs, and from south as far as Adelaide to ride in ‘The Cup’.

Suffice to say that Skylark won at very juicy odds. I don’t know what happened to the horse after that, but I expect that, as he carried the Station brand, he was swiftly repossessed.

I applaud Rupert Gange!

## Barbwire Jack

**IN THE 40S** a strapping young bloke came to Mt Dare Station after working in the Tennant Creek mines. I can’t remember his name, but he was to become known as ‘Barbwire Jack’ for reasons that I’ll make clear later on. He was looking for a change of lifestyle. And he certainly got it!

Owner-Manager Rex Lowe asked him if he could ride at all. Said ‘Strapping Young Bloke’, ‘Yeah. I can ride a bit’. First mistake! You don’t say you can ride when looking for a job on a Cattle Station, unless you can ride like Alan Bennett or Tom Willoughby.\* Because it’s London to a brick you’ll be really tried out!

Sur enough, Rex gave him a horse that could buck pretty well, and inevitably it threw him... *three times*. After he’d picked himself up the third time, he looked up at Rex, and said, ‘*You’re* doing it pretty easy, sitting up on the top rail with a big cheese-eating grin on your face! Let’s see *you* ride him!’

Second mistake! Rex rode him easily. And then ‘Strapping Young Bloke’ made his third—and *worst*—mistake. ‘Oh, so you *can* ride a bit’, said he. ‘Now let’s see if you can fight!’ He told me after it was over, that he thought he’d been shoved into a hollow log with a goanna.

Strangely enough, he and Rex became good friends afterwards, which was a feather in his cap, as Rex Lowe didn’t make friends easily.

‘Barbwire’ got his name in a bronco yard. A bronco yard is one big square yard with a ramp in one corner. It’s used for branding and marking cattle out on the run, where conventional yards aren’t available.

Either one or two heavy (draught or half-draught) horses are used to pull the cattle on the end of a rope up to the ramp to be dealt with. (I realise this description is inadequate, but my word skills won’t let me do any better.)

This particular yard had a top strand of barbed wire, and ‘Barbwire Jack’ cleared it with a big wild old bull blowing snot all over his bum. This was no mean feat, as these yards are of a necessity pretty high.

Even Rex admitted it was fairly impressive! I think Percy Hobson\* would have been proud of him. (PS There aren’t many places to hide in a bronco yard!)

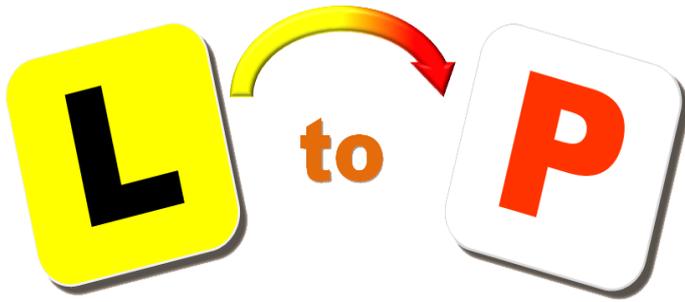
Courtesy *The Western Herald*, Bourke, NSW

\* Alan Bennett and Tom Willoughby were Australian champion roughriders. Bennett has been called one of the greatest all-round champion roughriders that Australia has ever produced.

\* Percy Hobson (from Bourke) was an Australian athlete, and a national champion high-jumper. ■

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# The Willowie Forest Trails

THESE ARE ‘Shared Trails’ in that they’re for both hikers and cyclists. Because of the popularity of mountain biking, this is now common.

They’re National Parks Trails, beside the road between Wilmington & Melrose. They’re 55 km south of Quorn, half an hour to an hour’s drive.



Picnic Shelter looks still under construction, with one table and seats so far. Car Park on the right-hand side in the distance

The Information Board at the Car Park lists the five Trails shown below. The ‘Wilmington–Melrose Rail Trail’ is still being constructed. It goes along the old narrow-gauge railway line.

Trail name	Mountain Bike Classification	Distance	Trail Description
Echidna Loop	●	1.7km	A short loop from the car park that circles land once cleared for farming in earlier times.
Possum Loop	●	4.2km	A loop trail that heads north out to the park boundary then connects to the Melrose – Wilmington Rail Trail and returns south to the car park.
Kookaburra Trail	●	2.5km	The Kookaburra Trail provides the chance to travel from the Rail Trail through the native bushland and connect with Kookaburra Creek Bush Retreat that neighbours the park.
Melrose – Wilmington Rail Trail	●	15km	The rail trail is a partially completed redevelopment of the former railway between Melrose and Wilmington. When finished the trail will provide an off-road walking and cycling link between the towns.
Monitor Loop	■	6.5km	The loop trail which meanders along the foothills of the Mount Remarkable Range. The trail crosses several shallow watercourses and reaches the highest areas of Willowie Forest.

In order of length, they are: ‘Echidna Loop’ 1.7 km; ‘Kookaburra Trail’ 2.5 km; ‘Possum Loop’ 4.2 km; ‘Monitor Loop’ 6.5 km; and the unfinished ‘Rail Trail’ will be 15 km.



This was my first visit to these Trails, so I’ve yet to explore them all—*properly!*

There aren’t the usual distance poles at regular intervals, but a major post at junctions to show which trail goes where, as you can see here to the left. All the same, I set out to walk the ‘Possum Loop’ and despite taking great care to read the poles, somehow ended up on the ‘Echidna Loop’ instead. Which *was* worth a good laugh.



The parts of the trails I walked on were all old farm tracks. The forest is a mixture of big old trees and new smaller growth

That the country the trails went through was old farm land was evident from how much ancient rusted machinery, farm wreckage, and other human debris was lying around.



Newer growth forest on the left of the farm track on the right

It seems the ‘Monitor Loop’ climbs up a little into the foothills of the Mt Remarkable Range. So I hope it will get away from the old farm tracks. The Willowie Forest lies between the Melrose–Wilmington Highway and the Range.



A magnificent old pine tree. Many big trees still remain

I hope to report more thoroughly on the rest of this Network soon, and find a good map of it, instead of the poor one at the Car Park. ■



# Predator Control for Production Workshop



Natural Resources Northern and Yorke invite you to attend this **free workshop** on predator control for production, provided as part of the Living Flinders program. **Presentations will be delivered by Greg Mifsud, National Wild Dog Management Coordinator and Marty Bower, State Wild Dog Coordinator.**

**Wednesday 6 February 2019, 4.00 pm, followed by free BBQ tea**

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## The presentations will cover:

- Necessity for coordinated management: The importance of community led predator management
- Wild Dog Management: Protecting South Australia's \$1.9 billion sheep industry
- Natural Resources Northern and Yorke Landscape Ranger Kevin Smith will also provide an overview of this year's control programs.

For more information and to register, contact Perri Hendiks from Natural Resources Northern and Yorke at [Perri.Hendriks@sa.gov.au](mailto:Perri.Hendriks@sa.gov.au) or 0447 455 384, or Anne Brown from Greening Australia at [abrown@greeningaustralia.org.au](mailto:abrown@greeningaustralia.org.au) or 0409 684 312.



*This project is being delivered by Natural Resources Northern and Yorke as part of the Living Flinders initiative through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program*



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# Flinders House News



## Birthdays

Four birthdays to celebrate this month! Happy birthday June, Heather, Doug and Peter.

**Tennis**  
Playing tennis during  
EMAA exercises.  
Maureen, Jeff and Gerald.



## Pampering

Devonshire Teas were followed by pampering.

## Tea-tasting

Outside, on a rare, not too hot, day. Tasting different flavours of tea at Coffee Club.





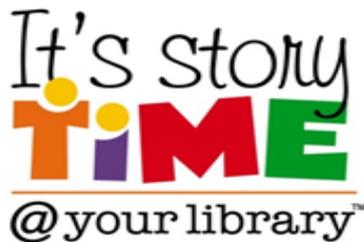
# LIBRARY NEWS



## QUORN BOOK CLUB

For details of the February meeting time, date and place please contact **Sam** on **0456 129 870**.

The book will become available to pick up from the library.

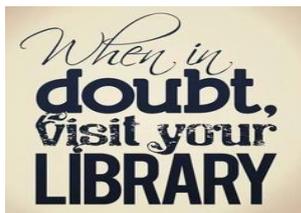


## STORY TIME

For dates in February please contact **Nancy** on **86486705** or **86486101**; or check on Facebook

('Quorn Out and About').

Story Time is Wednesday at 10am - come along for a story, sing-a-long, dance and craft with Nancy.



## JP SERVICE

Thursdays 2 - 4 pm in the Library for witnessing documents and legal advice of a general nature within a private room.

## Libraries SA app

Available for your smart phone (App Store and Google Play) - search the catalogue, eBooks and Audiobooks, digital magazines, online learning, access your account and manage your holds and loans.

## Library catalogue

To access the library catalogue (for Quorn and all SA public libraries) from home: [www.onecard.network/quorn](http://www.onecard.network/quorn)

## New computers and printers

In order to successfully access the new computing and printing facilities please remember to bring your library card with you—as you will require your barcode and PIN number.

## Some of the new books in the library collection

### ADULT FICTION:

Winter Cottage by Mary Ellen Taylor  
Nature of the Lion by TM Clark  
The Widow of Ballarat by Darry Fraser  
Master of his Fate by Barbara Taylor Bradford  
Trust Her by Jessica Vallance  
The Other Miss Bridgerton by Julia Quinn  
Camellia by Leslie Pearse  
The Pearl Thief by Fiona McIntosh  
The Gathering Dark by James Oswald  
The Wrong Callahan by Karly Lane  
Paris Echo by Sebastian Faulks  
Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood  
Deceit by Kerry Barnes

### ADULT NON-FICTION:

Being John Lennon: A Restless Life  
Everything You Need to Know About the Referendum to Recognise Indigenous Australians  
Microsoft Excel Formulas and Functions for Dummies  
Lonely Planet Tasmania  
Lonely Planet Best of New Zealand  
Money: 5000 Years of Debt and Power  
40 Easy Strumming Songs  
Fly: Life Lessons from the Cockpit of QF32  
A Diamond in the Dust  
First 50 Songs you Should Play on Acoustic Guitar

### LARGE PRINT:

The Woman on the Orient Express by Lindsay Jayne Ashford  
The Seagull by Ann Cleeves  
Fortress Iron Eyes by Rory Black  
The Good People by Hannah Kent

### CD:

Classic 80s

### DVD:

Aaahh Real Monsters

### JUNIOR FICTION:

Royal Crown

### JUNIOR NON-FICTION:

My First Gardening Book  
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## Farewell to Yvonne and Stewart Hoseason-Smith



From Left– Geoff Lyson, Di Williams, Cindy Hay, Jenny Laidlaw, Kathy Rabig, Paula Roberts, Ruth Tulloch, Yvonne, Barb Walker, Sue Smith, Marg Smith, Rene Reschke, Stewart.



## Christmas Eve Street Party

ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018, the Christmas Eve Street Party was once again celebrated!

The newly-formed Committee organised a very successful event with support from the Flinders Ranges Council and local businesses and residents.

Everyone was thankful for the cloud cover which provided some relief from the heat of the day.

Children loved entering the Kids Extravaganza (Buckaringa Building) to have their faces painted; dance with Emma Wiggle, enjoy the photo booth and have a polaroid photo with Mr and Mrs Claus.

If you sat with Santa you received some lollies and an ice block. Other entertainment included the Bouncy Castle and a water pistol area with obstacles.

A range of food and drinks were on offer from local community groups—a quick dance performance from the gorgeous little ones And I'm pretty sure I saw two horses with Christmas lights!

There was even a band – *The Hooligans* rocked on until late.

The Raffle was drawn and the winner of the enormous Christmas Stocking was Sandra Ozolins..Second prize—a helmet, won by Kevin Wedding.

Fr Jimmy judged the Christmas Lights competition. The winners were Amy Holtham and Lincoln Kelly. They are off to Kangaroo Island for a five night stay, thanks to Great Northern Lodge and SeaLink, Kangaroo Island.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make this community event happen!

Special thanks for their work in the street parties of previous years, to Andrea Bury and Jillian Wilson. ■

# Quorn Out and About



Karen Gloede with Isabelle, Mia and friends



Mia, Jackson, Isabelle



# 2018-2019 Season

L-R: Sasha Wilton, Stewie Giles (coach), Kevin Paynter (Freemasons Lodge), Emily Millington holding the \$100 cheque, Chloe Hilder, Annie Maloney, Chelsea Solomon and Anthony O'Loughlin



## Presentation of Cheques

THE QUORN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB was presented two cheques after swimming training on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018. First cheque was presented by Kevin Paynter on behalf of the Freemason's Lodge.

The \$100 cheque was the result of proceeds from the Quorn Lodge #59 Christmas Dinner Raffle. The Lodge annually donate to clubs and community groups in Quorn.

The second cheque of \$50 was presented to the club by one of their own swimmers, Chloe Hilder.

In 2018 Chloe ran a very successful Quorn Interschool Gymkhana as her Research Project for her SACE. The Swimming Club was one of the recipients of the funds she raised on the day. Thank you and well done Chloe! ■



Receiving \$50 cheque. L-R: Sasha Wilton, Emily Millington, Anthony O'Loughlin, Chloe Hilder (donator) and Annie Maloney

# Pichi Richi Railway Museum

**THIS MUSEUM** is in an end room of the Quorn Railway Station. It's open during Visitors Information Centre hours (Mon–Fri 9am–5pm; Sat & Sun it closes at 4pm.) If it isn't open, ask at the main desk for it to be unlocked.



A Railway Trike—an early hand-operated kind of Section Car, used by Fettlers to travel along the line

The Manager is Lisa Southon, with a small band of volunteers. Anyone willing to assist is welcome. So are ideas for future exhibits.

There are posters and stories about locomotives, carriages, crews, stations, special visitors, and events. There is so much to fill so little space. But the staff do their best to keep displays relevant, fresh and interesting.



Dummies uniformed elegantly as Railway Staff

The room has had a varied past from being a telegraph (presumably relay) room for the Overland Telegraph, to being a vital supplier of refreshments for train passengers and crew.

If you look at the room's floor, you'll notice various coloured sections of lino. This reminds you of counters which used to be there, and of walls and doorways once in different places.



There are many wonderful old photos displayed around the walls. Lisa has searched for them from Libraries across Australia, and through Trove. If you have any photos of the Great Northern Railway, please let her borrow & scan them

The creation of a static Museum was always part of PRR's original plans from its formation in 1973. But there was no room for it, until the redevelopment of the railway precinct in 2013 to include the VIC, made this room available.

Because Quorn was primarily a railway town from its early days, the history of the Great Northern Railway is also a big part of the history of Quorn itself. And the PRR Museum therefore highlights the significant impact the Railway has had on life in an outback town.

Future plans include expanding into the back room. With nearly 150 years of railway history to illustrate, the Museum has far more to show.

This Railway Museum is a registered destination with the Children's University. See [http://childrensuniversity.com.au/adults/learning-destinations/why-become-a-learning-destination/?cu\\_region=SA](http://childrensuniversity.com.au/adults/learning-destinations/why-become-a-learning-destination/?cu_region=SA) . So it's a child-friendly place. Children can sit on the Trike, dress up, and try the old telephones. ■



A superbly-crafted model of PRR's T186 locomotive constructed by PRR member, Geoff Horne, now deceased. He also constructed two models of the Coffee Pot—one that you can see in the main room of the Visitors Information Centre



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# Workin' on the Railroad

DESPITE THE SEARING heat during the week ending January 27<sup>th</sup>, the carriage shed at the Pichi Richi Railway loco yard was full of activity. Temperatures were in the high 40s but none the less work went on.

No air-conditioning was available other than some industrial sized fans and all the doors as wide open as was possible.

The 2019 running season starts on 9th March and there is much to do before paying passengers board the train.

Approximately 10,000 passengers travel on the trains annually with quite a number of children. Wear and tear on the seating is extensive and refurbishment is constant. Just the fact that children like to stand on the seats does put enormous stress on the seat springing. For those of us old enough to remember, we were always told off if we stood or jumped on the seats.

All the seating is old style springs and webbing, not the modern foam we find in our lounges of today. Almost all aspects of the seats are upgraded mostly with better quality material for a longer service life.



Upgrading the seating in car 90, Julian Hipwell (testing) and Jeff Cox and Bruce Collins are repairing

The quality of workmanship matches anything that was done in the past, with attention to detail and authenticity. Where needed, new septic tanks have been added under the carriage for additional passenger comfort.

Included in the team doing the repairs was Chris Dunbar, Wayne Hoskins, Andrew Wood, Ross Vonow and Paul Moffitt.

There are many more carriages needing TLC treatment from this team. As soon as the Car 90 and Sturt are removed from the shed, the next refurbishments will start.

Over in the loco shed, the coal loading tractor was split in half for major repairs. Leaking oil and a few other problems are to be sorted out before it goes back into service.



The John Deere tractor with the drive end separated from the engine awaiting repair

Fire ban days have the railway playing safe and only operating a diesel loco such as the Barwell's Bull, to reduce fire risk. Safety is a high priority in all aspects of operations. ■



The Society's great stand-by rolling stock is the Barwell's Bull, car 106. Here the spare drive line is getting a complete overhaul

# Pictures — From the Past



**ONLY THE OLDIES** among us will remember the age when one of the chief forms of amusement was to go on a picnic. Often a very large and elaborate picnic, too. Oddly, long ago people even dressed up for them in their Sunday Best as you can see for the picnic above, out west along Pinkerton Creek. That was a favourite site for Quorn picnics, because the Pinkerton Spring provided reliable water for them, too. Notice the ‘Hats for Everyone Rule’? The British Empire was built on that rule, wherever in the Empire the sun was hot. And oldies will remember being told when young, slipping out the door to go and play, that they *must wear their hats!* I can’t see anyone in this photo who’s not wearing the utterly essential hat. Now check the hats below!



Often back then people would arrange a train to get to a more distant picnic site. See how everyone here is jammed in for the ride? Here they’re setting out for a Children’s Picnic, with the grown-ups, coming to look after them, up near the loco. But notice the grinning photographer with his eager camera ready for action?



Here's a Band going to a picnic, too. The Picnic Train has stopped in a cutting for photographers to do their work. See the shadow of the photographer with his massive View Camera setting himself up? Way back then bands went everywhere to provide music. A radio (early called a 'wireless') was either not invented, too big and heavy, too unreliable, or out of reach of any reception. You can imagine the band playing music as the train trundled along. Notice how all the men wear not only suits, but waistcoats with them, too? How hot!



More modern times, but still quite formally dressed, though notice how more bare-headed people now are? What's your guess here—late 1930s? 1940s? Anyone know? But look at how few men there are—only six, and three times as many women! So perhaps it's during the Second World War when most men were away? And where *is* this place around Quorn? (The photo is very spotty, too.) This photo is courtesy Val Francis; and the preceding three are courtesy Lisa Southon, Pichi Richi Railway Museum, Quorn Railway Station.

I remember, as a boy in Broken Hill, every year a Picnic Train of steel ore wagons took townspeople 27 km to Penrose Park in Silverton for an annual picnic. I remember the searing heat in those wagons on the way out and back! On New Year's Day 1915, the Picnic Train of 1200 people was ambushed and shot up by two Turkish men, street vendors, because Turkey had entered the First World War. They killed two passengers. Enraged local Militia, Police, and the Town Rifle Brigade chased and besieged the two men. Altogether four died and seven were wounded. They were the only shots fired in anger on Aussie soil during that war. ■

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# 2018-2019 Season Successful Carnivals

THE QUORN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB hosted their third weekend Carnival on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Approximately 101 swimmers travelled from Port Augusta, West Coast (Port Lincoln and region), Roxby Downs, Port Pirie, Clovercrest (Adelaide), Mountain Pool (Mount Barker), Whyalla, Clare, Crystal Brook, Henley and Grange, Playford Aquatic (Elizabeth), Jamestown and Booleroo. Orreroo and Marion Swimming clubs joined in the Devil's Peak Dash. Quorn weather was on the cooler side but the water was warm and enjoyed by all. Quorn had 14 club members compete on both days.



**From left to right:** Competitors representing Quorn Amateur Swimming Club for Quorn Carnival and Devils Peak Dash: Zoe Solomon, Sasha Wilton, Anthony O'Loughlin, Tom Millington, Georgia Turner, Aiden Hately-Bell, Madison Hately-Brunnic, Elspeth Lyman, Cheyanne Maher, Emily Millington, Chelsea Solomon, Hannah Moosha-Hancock, Chloe Hilder and Abraham Tuckwell.  
(Photo courtesy of Peter Taylor Photography)

## Quorn Carnival Results

**Sasha Wilton:** Silver in 13/14 Girls 50m Breaststroke Scratch, Bronze in 200m Girls Open Breaststroke Scratch.

**Zoe Solomon:** 3 x Bronze in 13-14girls 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke and Butterfly Scratch.

**Georgia Turner:** 2 x Silver in 17 & Over Female 50m Breaststroke Scratch and Women's 25m Freestyle Scratch. 2 x Bronze in 17& Over 50m Freestyle and Butterfly Scratch, Silver in 100 Individual Medley Handicap.

**Chloe Hilder:** Silver in 17 & Over Female 50m Backstroke Scratch.

**Aiden Hately-Bell:** 2 x Silver in 15-16 Men's 50m Freestyle and Men's 25m Freestyle Scratch.

**Abraham Tuckwell:** 6 x Gold in 17& Over 50m Freestyle, Men's 25m Freestyle Scratch, Men's 100m Freestyle, Men's 200m Freestyle Scratch, Men's 100m Backstroke, 200m Backstroke Scratch.

**Elspeth Lyman:** Gold in 12 & Under 25m BBB Handicap

**Hannah Moosha-Hancock:** Bronze in 12 & Under 25m BBB Handicap

**Anthony O'Loughlin:** Bronze in Mixed 400m Freestyle Scratch.

**Quorn Team A** (Chloe Hilder, Tom Millington, Georgia Turner and Abraham Tuckwell): Gold in 100m Freestyle Relay.



# 2018-2019 Season Successful Carnivals



## Van Keulen Memorial Trophy

WINNERS OF THE Under12 and 13 and Over 100m Individual Medleys in the Quorn Carnival are presented with a trophy kindly donated by Mrs Deb Hombsch in memory of her family and their involvement with the Quorn Amateur Swimming Club.

*Left: Van Keulen family member Brenton Hombsch congratulates 2019 Van Keulen Memorial Trophy Winners. Left is Elise Roocke from Booleroo winner of the 13 and over 100M Individual Medley Handicap. Right is Emma Newberry from Port Augusta, winner of the 12 and Under 100M Individual Medley. (Photo courtesy of Peter Taylor Photography)*

## Devils Peak Dash Results

COMPETITION was tight but our club got some outstanding results.

**Abraham Tuckwell:** 6 x Gold in 17 and Over 25m male Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle Scratch, 200m men's Individual Medley Scratch, 400m mixed Freestyle Scratch.

**Tom Millington:** Silver in 15-16 male 25m Freestyle Scratch.

**Aiden Hatley-Bell:** Gold in 100m men's Individual Medley Scratch. Silver in 15-16 male 25m Backstroke Scratch.

**Sasha Wilton:** Bronze in 13/14 girls 25M Breaststroke Scratch.

**Georgia Turner:** Silver in 17& over female 25m Breaststroke, Silver in 17 and Over female 25m Butterfly, Bronze in 17 & Over female 25m Backstroke scratch, Bronze in 17-29 25m female Freestyle Scratch.

**Anthony O'Loughlin:** Bronze in 13-14 male 25m Backstroke

**Emily Millington:** Bronze in Open 25m Freestyle Handicap.

**Quorn Team A** (Tom Millington, Chloe Hilder, Georgia Turner and Abraham Tuckwell) won Silver in the 100m Freestyle Relay Scratch.



*Left: Elspeth Lyman ready to start her dive.  
(photo— Peter Taylor Photography)*



*Right: Sasha Wilton swimming Breaststroke.  
(photo—Peter Taylor Photography)*



# 2018-2019 Season

## Successful Carnivals

QUORN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB wish to thank the following Sponsors and Donators for their generosity in making the Quorn Carnival and Devil's Peak Dash a possibility.

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Complete Personnel, Regional Economic Solutions, Elders Port Augusta, and Northpoint Toyota.

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### Donors

The Flinders Ranges Council, Quorn Newsagency, Port Augusta Mitre 10, Port Augusta Intersport, Port Augusta/Quorn Landmark, Quorn Masonic Lodge, Jersey Farms, Quorn Interschool Gymkhana, Travelling Bean Coffee Van, Quorn Community Social Club and Peter Taylor Photography.



### Mums, Dads, Volunteers

A BIG THANK YOU is also extended to the parents and grandparents and Quorn community members who helped out with the organisation and running of the two Carnivals.

Their time spent volunteering is priceless, our children would not have a club and a two day competition in a small town like Quorn without this support. ■

*Left: Volunteers Joanna Finlay and Paul Hancock with the important task of marshalling, making sure every competitor is in the right event and lane number before each race*

# Quorn Bowling Club News

## SATURDAY PENNANTS

SECOND DIVISION have made the finals for the first time in many years. They will play top side ETSA in an elimination final to be played at ETSA 's green on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. They have played very well to get this far and we wish them good bowling and good luck. If they win they will play in the grand final the following day. It would be good if they could have some supporters in attendance to cheer them on.

First Division won five games but they need to become more consistent to beat the top sides.

This season the format has changed with two completed rounds (14 games). being played in the usual format of three rinks of four players. The finals and the third round will consist of 1 game pairs, 2 games of triples and 1 game of fours. This last round is only a trial and if Clubs are happy with the format next season it will become permanent for the third round.

In the last round of Pennants against Wilmington a team skippered by Grant Lever with Mel Noden, Kevin Paynter and Sol Smith earned a 50 Badge by defeating a Wilmington rink 58 to 5.

## NEW YEARS DAY MEN'S TOURNAMENT

THIS ANNUAL tournament was played in ideal conditions and has been running for a very long time and we would like to see 14 teams playing each year so we need to do some work for this to happen as we only had 10 teams playing. The winners were a team from ETSA skippered by Mark Cooper, second was Brian Rowe's side from Hawker and third was a local side skippered by Brian Hartin.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the day, Austral Inn and West End Brewery.

## LADIES FOURS TOURNAMENT

THE LADIES are hoping that 4<sup>th</sup> February will not be a hot day as they have reprogrammed their tournament from the 7<sup>th</sup> December due to the heat rule. Teams travel from far and wide for this day so go along and have a look and you will see some good bowls played by the ladies.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

SOME OF the finals have been have been played and results are:

Ladies Singles - Mary Collis defeated Barb Flower

Ladies Pairs – Sue Kelly and Jane Paynter defeated Sue Smith and Kath Altmann

Men's Singles – Mat Britza defeated Grant lever

Men's Fours – Brian Hartin, Mat Britza, Chris Hicks and Nigel Crisp defeated a side skippered by Phil Shillabeer.



Above Left: Nigel and Riley Crisp played in Farmers and Friends Day

## MEN'S FOURS TOURNAMENT 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST

Last year we ran this tournament for the first time on the day before the Quorn Cup and was an outstanding success with many of the players staying for the races. Last year's sponsors were Emmanuelle Bros Isuzu, Quorn Jockey Club and Bury Plumbing. We thank them for their support. Feedback has been very good and we are hopeful of getting 28 teams for this year's tournament. Last year teams came from Warooka, Pt Pirie, Pt Germein, Laura, Melrose, Wilmington, Hawker, Pt Augusta and Whyalla. Some of our members have been travelling around to other clubs tournaments returning the support we received from them and getting nominations for this year's event. Hopefully it will be bigger and better than last year's tournament. If you know any out of town bowlers encourage them to nominate and stay for the races.

# Quorn Bowling Club News

## FARMERS AND FRIENDS DAY

THIS DAY was instigated some years ago by the Club. In conjunction with Quality Livestock, Broom Hilder and Landmark Port Augusta/Quorn manager, Tim Wooley, the club decided to have a fun day with our members and farmers around the district.

Broom did a great job in organising eight of the 14 teams with players coming from Spalding, Clare, Carrieton, Cradock, Hawker and Wilmington.

We had a couple of junior players Riley Crisp of Quorn and Harry McAuley from Cradock play with the men and was good to see them in action.

Winning team was from Wilmington, skippered by Howard Kaesler. Second was a local side skippered by Lou Walker and third another local team skippered by Des Finlay.

We would like to thank Landmark and Quality Livestock for their support for this day. It is a very good day for the Club.

The Ladies did a great job of catering for both these days and we thank them for a job well done. ■





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# Classified Adverts

**Quorn Netball AGM**  
Monday 11th Feb  
7pm  
**All welcome**

**THANK YOU**  
The Ladies Auxiliary wishes to thank the Quorn Community Social Club for the generous donation on the club's windup. It is greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU**  
Flinders Flicks wishes to thank the Quorn Community Social Club for the generous donation on the club's windup. It is greatly appreciated.  
J Thomas  
Secretary

**Rainfall 2019**  
January 4.2 mm  
Year to Date 4.2 mm

**THANK YOU**  
Hilder Ronald

Daph, Broom (Roger) and Cheryl, Dennis and Kathy, and their families say a big THANK YOU to our relatives, friends and neighbours of the Quorn community who supported us with their love and concern, in our very sad time saying "goodbye" to our dearly loved Husband, Father, Pa and Great Pa.

For the numerous telephone calls and personal contacts —*THANK YOU*  
There are no words to properly express our gratitude to everyone.  
Thank you so much ... God bless.

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU**

To the people who donated to the Quorn Christmas stocking  
The Ozolins Great Grand Kids were very happy to get extra presents with plenty left over.

Those we know of who donated

Kub Power (Andrew J Osmond)	Geoff and Di Williams
Annelise Perry	Molly Brown
Aileen Shannon	Cross Road Pharmacies
Leanne Slattery	Ruth Tulloch
Lachlan Walsh	Yvonne Hoseason-Smith
Minette Gorecki	Warehouse Matrix
Hamish Gibson	Emily's for running the raffle

If we missed anybody we Thank You as well

***A special thank you to you all Sandra Ozolins***



# Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events February 2019

## Regular Events

### Quorn

**Quorn Produce and Craft Market** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

### Quorn Book Club

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm

3 Hannigan Street, phone Sam on 0456 129 870 for more details.

### Women's Fellowship—

3rd Wednesday of the month  
See the poster in the laundromat window or Facebook for details.

### Quorn Men's shed

14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Breakfast

### Spit Roast

at Emily's Bistro every Sunday

### Quorn Swimming Pool

Lap Swimming:

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

### School Term:

Monday – Thursday:

2:00pm to 5:00pm &

6:00pm to 7:00pm

Friday – Sunday:

3:00pm to 7:00pm

### School Holidays:

Monday – Sunday 2:00pm to 7:00pm

### Interpub Pool Competition

at the Transcontinental Pub  
Wednesday night 7.30pm  
Light supper provided.  
Register at the pub

## Events

### Quorn Area School Swimming

#### Carnival

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> starting from 11am.

General public welcome. Full canteen facilities available on the day.

#### Flinders Flicks

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7.00pm for 8.00pm screening movie *Shakespeare in Love* at The Great Northern Lodge.

Pre-purchase tickets from Emily's Bistro.

#### Upcoming March Events

#### Pichi Richi Railway Train Journeys

Sundowner Explorer aboard the Historic Brill Car the 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Quorn to Woolshed Flat departing 5.30pm return 8.00pm. Sit back and enjoy Pichi Richi Pass in the cool of the evening. Watch the setting sun sink lower in the sky over the Flinders Ranges. A wonderful way to end a lovely autumn day.

#### 2019 Events

#### Quorn Country Music Festival

16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May

#### Singing to the Heart

with Tony Backhouse 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May

#### Pichi Richi Railway

Launch of the YX 141, 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### 500 Miles of Music -

7<sup>th</sup> July. From Wombat Flat to William Creek featuring Adam Harvey.

Tickets on sale at

[www.ticketebo.com.au](http://www.ticketebo.com.au).

#### Quote of the Month

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. *C.S. Lewis*

## Regular Events

### Quorn

#### Aerobics/Walking Exercise

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

#### Asharnaye – Let's Groove

Wednesday night 6.30pm at the School Gym.

Cost \$15 per session or \$50 for 4.

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**Boot Camp** Tuesday 6am & Fridays 6.15am at the school/community Gym.

Cost \$2

#### Line dancing

Tuesday nights 7pm Town Hall.

Cost \$6

#### Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm.

Uniting Church Hall.

#### Probus

1st Tuesday of the month 10am.

Bowling Green Club rooms

#### Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

Friday's at the Austral Hotel

Everyone welcome

#### Quorn Bowling Club

Interested in playing a game of social bowls?

Monday 1.00pm for 1.30pm start or

Thursday evenings 7pm start

everyone is welcome to join in the fun

#### Hawker

**Community Group**—Tuesday fortnightly

**Development Board**—

3rd Monday of the month.

**Friendship Group**—

3rd Wednesday **Sing Australia Hawker-**

welcomes everyone to sing

Friday's 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Hawker Hospital Community Room

**Quilting Group**—Friday fortnightly



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Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist  
Diabetes Education  
Dietitian  
Physiotherapist  
Occupational Therapist  
Speech Pathologist  
Social Worker

**Bookings**                      **8642 3201**



## February

### Anglican Church of St Matthews

Three services a year:

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

If required for a funeral service

Ph: 8648 6162 or 8648 6763

### Catholic Church Church of the Immaculate Conception

Parish Priest: Father Jimmy Pantin

Sunday Mass                      8.30am

Weekday Mass (W-S)              9.00am

**Christmas Times on Classifieds page**

### Flinders Christian Fellowship

Sunday Service                      Weekly 10.00am

Lunch                                  Mon & Thurs 12pm

Bible study                              Tues 12:30pm

Carols night                              6pm, 23rd Dec

### Uniting Church

Sunday Service                      Weekly 11.00am

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# 2018-2019 Season

## Quorn attends Country Champs

STRAIGHT AFTER QUORN carnivals was Swimming SA's Country Championships hosted by Port Pirie from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January. 11 excited swimmers represented Quorn. This is a high-profile event where regional swimmers have the opportunity to compete against the best of their peers while enjoying the sport in a fun and social atmosphere.

Big pat on back for Anthony O'Loughlin, Sasha Wilton, Emily Millington, Maddie Hatley-Bruncic, Elsa Lyman, Georgia Turner, Cheyanne Maher, Hannah Moosha-Hancock, Abraham Tuckwell, Chelsea and Zoe Solomon for attending.

Competition was very strong, and many Quorn swimmers made fantastic personal best times. During Superfish (11 and under swimmers' part of the competition) Madison Hatley-Bruncic took 10 seconds off her 50m Backstroke, and Elspeth Lyman took seven seconds off her 50m Freestyle and six second off her 50m Backstroke. Hannah Moosha-Hancock swam very well placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a 50m Backstroke and 4<sup>th</sup> in 50m Breaststroke. During the Championships, Anthony O'Loughlin shaved seven seconds off his 200m freestyle time.

But the best results came from Abraham Tuckwell who bagged six medals during the main competition. He won Gold in 50 Backstroke, 100 Backstroke, 50 Freestyle, Silver in 200 Freestyle and Bronze in 100 Freestyle and 400 Freestyle. ■



*Top right:* Team Captain Georgia Turner and Coach Stewie Giles were very proud of the swimmer results and the parents who helped at the Country Champs

Winner of Six Medals.

*Right:* Abraham Tuckwell with his well-deserved medals won at the Country Champs in Port Pirie

# Australia Day Breakfast



From left – Sandra Everett, Carlene Voigt and Jenny Laidlaw. Sandra and Jenny nominated Carlene for her well deserved award



From left back – Mackenzie, Jaquarra, Dani, and Corey Chapman, proud family of James at front, after receiving the Young Citizen of the Year award



Enjoying the morning together  
From left – Marg Summerton, Heather Roberts, Yvonne Player, Lawrie Fitzgerald, Shirley Carn, Loraine Pumpa



Lions Club members prepared a bacon and egg breakfast for all



Mayor Peter Slattery welcomed all to the formal proceedings of the Australia Day event



From Left – Jan Noden, Paula Osborne, Karyn Swan and Jacinta Hannigan