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Court House Museum Opens

SATURDAY APRIL 28th saw the re-opening of the Court House Museum.

After much hard work by a merry band of volunteers, the old building has been cleaned, new display shelving erected, up-to-date computers installed and set up for visitors.

A committee of like-minded volunteers has been meeting on a regular basis to re-establish the Quorn and District Heritage Group. All are passionate about the locality's history and want to share Quorn's past moments with everyone.

The Court House Museum is working with the Railway Station Museum to provide information about Quorn and Districts to those who are passing through.

Saturday's opening coincided with the arrival of the train. Around a dozen visitors ventured into the Museum. Questions were asked, displays looked at and comment made about the changing shop frontages.

It is anticipated that the Court House Museum will be open Saturday 11 to 2 pm, to coincide with the Pichi Richi Train. More frequent opening during school holidays and special events is being considered, dependent on volunteer time.

Can you spare a couple of hours per month for a chance to learn about your past, meet people and promote your district? It offers a chance to learn new skills, or share skills you have with others.

To register your interest, call 8648 6031 or email : quorn.history@gmail.com

A Facebook page has been created at <https://www.facebook.com/Quorn-District-Local-History-Group-902800676573697/> ■



Flinders House News



WE WERE LUCKY enough to be able to celebrate Doreen's 100th birthday with her by having a special morning tea (photos in Centrefold).

This month we also celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican Fiesta. We had quizzes and prizes, dancing and maracas, Mexican food and sangrias! The residents were asked to dress Mexican for the occasion but with not too many housed ponchos and sombreros!

Last month we started dance lessons. The lovely dance teacher, Miss Suzanne, has been putting all of the residents through their paces and will be creating a routine very soon.

We have had some fabulous ladies making walker bags, mobile phone purses and fidget muffs for the residents.

If you are looking for a project to knit/sew/crochet this winter, or have an hour or two spare each week, drop in and see us. We always have something to do or something that needs making.

Thank you to staff, volunteers, family and community members help to bring these events alive. Thank you for the donations and for helping out.

Bronwyn ■



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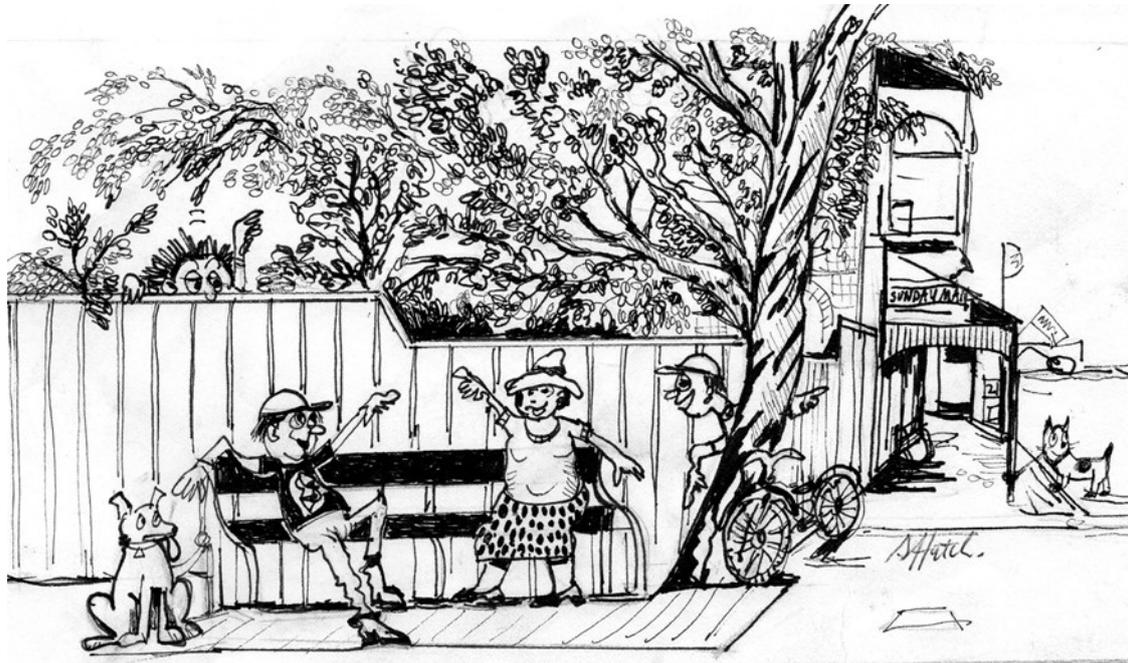


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Chat with a Quornie

Rod Jarvis



I WAS BORN on 6th July 1944 in the old hospital (now Andu Lodge). My mother was Vida May nee Hodge, whose father had a bush woodwork business called *Hodg-E-Craft* in north Quorn. I believe her mother's family, the Macmillan's, had a flour mill in Farina.

My father, Cyril Keith (born in Hawker, the 2nd youngest of 11, lived at Warcowie as a boy. Grandfather retired to Quorn aged 62, when Dad was nine. My brother, Cam, lives in the Jarvis home in North Quorn.

There were three boys in our family—Devon, was Dux of Quorn High School, and had a camera shop in my brother-in-law's business in First Street; Cam—a mainly Ford mechanic.

Dad was apprenticed to *Doughy* Buitt the Baker. He then worked for the Commonwealth Railways as a Fitter's Mate in the Loco Shed. He was on call any time the Call boy rattled the window to say there was a *Hot box*.

When the Railways shifted to Stirling, Dad bought the weatherboard shop (across the road from IGA), from Shane Grover's father, Cliff. A previous owner, Mr Dave Melville, mde all his own ice cream, sweets and deli items, on a wood stove in the shop.

Shop hours were seven am to eight pm. Dad was a man who loved a joke. He'd get the boys out at closing time by saying 'boarders off to bed, others off to buggery'.

He always told us about Max McHugh (former Mayor) who, he said, was the only man to fall *up* the steps on his way *in* to the shop.

After about six years, Dad sold the shop to Mrs Eddy Newmann snr, and bought the First Street deli (now Quandong Apartments).

Schooldays

My first teacher was Miss Michael, aunt of Quorn resident, Gar. I spent a lot of time picking up papers with Peter Laidlaw. Marjorie Coleman, Mat, Mary and Terry Williams, a Wagner, Sweet, the Grovers and a Salmon were at school with me. Peter Dunbar was the only child I knew to die (of diphtheria).

I hated school. I left a term after my Progress Certificate at the old Primary School, First St.

At 15, I took my first job with Clarrie Brewster a builder, painter, and carpenter. We painted the steep roof of the Anglican Church, with me on the crawl board for the whole job.

Clarrie did *renos*. I helped him build the Stafford House addition to old Flinders House, (Before it was Andu Lodge). I worked for him for four years, before I started driving trucks for Roy Deakin who had the Mobil Depot.

In 1960, Jan Schuttloffel, from *Willow Glen* at Buckaringa Gorge, came to work for Dad .

Jan's parents, Horace and Gladys, were one of Quorn's old German families. Their Christmas dinners were legendary. One Christmas, I'd eaten a *huge* plate of food. The (bachelor) Schumann brothers cleaned up their first plates, and politely accepted *seconds*.

Jan was taught by Miss Fitzgerald at Arden Vale school. After primary school she worked

Chat with a Quornie (continued)

home on the farm. At 16, she came into Eighth St to stay with family friend Mrs Eckert.

Wayne, Jan's brother, worked on the farm, but came in to the Saturday night pictures. He'd drive Jan home for the weekend.

Jan was an avid tennis player in the strong competition between neighbouring farming families on the Arden Vale courts.

We went dancing on Friday or Saturday nights at the Anglican or Catholic halls. Balls at the Town Hall, were big events. Our Mums would help with the supper.

On 14th November 1964, Jan and I were married in Quorn Methodist Church.

We honeymooned in the Blue Mountains, and came home to live in the Fourth Street home Albert Spencer had sold us for £2000.



Jan and Rod Top: From left: Cyril and Vida Jarvis, Gladys and Horace Schuttlofel. Bottom: Wayne Schuttlofel, Fay Barber, Bev Pearce, Devon Jarvis. Front: Leeanne Eckert

Ken Stewart was impressed with our house and made us an amazing offer. He sold his farm to Toby Bury, and he and Sylvia moved into town. We bought John (Buck) Everett's block further down Fourth Street, and put a Blunts home there. We still live in it.

In 1972, Jan and I bought Lloyd Hall's Deli in First St that Dad had in the 50s.

When Jan's parents and Wayne sold their farm in Merriwa, NSW, they came back to Quorn. Her parents retired to the house opposite the Uniting Church, that had been Mrs Groves. Wayne took over our deli.

Peter and Michelle were born in 1967 and 1969, when I worked for Roy Deakin. Jan soon became involved in kindy, school Mothers Club, sport, and dance for Michelle.

From 1970-75 I drove for Pat Smith's QMB, carrying the Birdsville Mail, carting cattle and mixed freight up the Birdsville Track.

When the Moomba gas fields opened, I drove Shell fuel trucks up the Strzelecki Track. It was barely passable—sand, rocks and corrugations made for a slow 750kms. Cabins were extremely hot. Tyres had frequent problems. We were always home late.

Later I took sulphuric acid twice a day, from BHAS Pt Pirie to BHP Whyalla for Spud Starr. Or, carted fuel from Pt Pirie to Ayers Rock and Alice Springs.

Sometimes we'd drive 18 hours a day. Drivers would chuck their swags down under the crate for a sleep any time, any weather.

Restrictions (on hours) had started, but we didn't always think of them. I remember Nobby Clark, the Port Augusta weighbridge operator, warning me to fill in my Log Book, as the patrol was up the road.

Drivers had to resign to go on holidays. But there was plenty of work, so we mostly got our jobs back.

My last driving job was moving ATCO huts from Adelaide to aboriginal settlements in WA and Queensland. I'd jack the huts in place, using a hydraulic jack.

1980 was the start of 24 years with ETSA—shift-working in the boiler and turbine plant. The Quorn blokes would car pool. After driving trucks, the ETSA job was like retiring.

Jobs for All

When Peter left school, he did his trade with Gliddons Electrical in Pt Augusta. Work got slow, so Brett Cummins (June's son) and Peter went to *Harbour Lights* and *Sons of Gwalia* mines at Leonora, WA.

A career opened up for him at SKF Bearings, manufacturers of bearings for Miles Jaw Bearings at Kalgoorlie.

Peter, Glenyce his wife, and their two children, who were born in Kalgoorlie, were sent to work in the US. They spent five years there, before being transferred to Canada for a

Chat with Rod Jarvis (continued)

further three years. They then moved back to Perth, where Peter became CEO southern hemisphere for McLean Engineering.

His job took him to US and Europe, until he was diagnosed with MS. He is now unable to travel so his firm brings the business to him.

Peter's family is very close. Rhys is an electrician working in the mines in WA and



A flight over the Grand Canyon: L-R: Peter, Jayde, Glenyce, Rhys, Jan and Rod, 2003

NT. Jayde is a Law student at Murdoch University, Perth.

We feel sad to see Peter in a wheelchair, but he and Glen don't let it stop their travel plans and interests (Peter's—Mustang cars).

Michelle completed Year 12 at Pt Augusta High School before studying Law at Adelaide University, specializing in International Law.

From 2000-17 she worked on the Bosnian War Trials for the International War Crimes Commission. We went to the trial of ex-President Milosevich in The Hague in 2004.



A visit to the old Schuttloffel farm at Dretzel in 2013. From left— Jan's cousin, Rienhard, Jeff, Olivia, Michelle, Tom, Jan and Rod

Michelle was appointed Assistant Prosecutor for the UN Human Rights War Crimes Trials for Syria, by UN Secretary-General Guterres. She is gathering data for the Trial's 2020 start.

Last year, Michelle, her husband Jeff (Langdon) Olivia 12, and Tom 8, moved to Geneva. The already bi-lingual children are now being educated in French.

Quorn's best Days

In the late 1940s and 50s, Quorn was a thriving Railway town of over 3000 people.

Beside Dad's Seventh St deli was the RSL Club. (Now the Op Shop) There were four delis—Schumann's, John Williams, Terry Williams. The butchers were: Tom Hilder in North Quorn. Lionel Burr in the weatherboard shop next to the Uniting (Then Methodist) church). Pearce's on the Sixth and First Street corner, and Finlays—where it is now.

Mrs Barber and her daughter, Muriel, (now Mrs Medlam) had cows in the paddock on the corner of their North Quorn house. They supplied the town milk from huge cans loaded on a four-wheel trolley, pulled by a horse and cart. Vida Noll, was a *Milky* too, and had cows on Noll Road (now Dwayne Crombie's).

Since retirement, Jan and I have travelled to Europe, Canada, USA, New Zealand. We drove through NT, across to the Gibb River road to Derby and down to Peter's. In 2017, we met Peter and Glenyce at the Crows Darwin football match. This year, we are meeting Rhys, Peter and Glen in Alice.

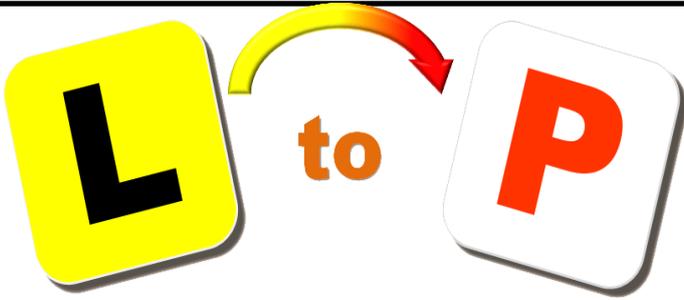
Jan was involved for years in Vets Tennis. She also took part in the Masters Games in SA, NT and New Zealand.

For over 30 years, we were in the Lions Club and still help when needed. We're Probus members, (Jan is Treasurer) and enjoy going on their outings. I do Meals on Wheels, as Jan's helper. For about five years we were in St John Ambulance Brigade

I play bowls and golf in season; Vets golf at other centres in the winter; water greens and rake golf blacks; sell raffle tickets; cook for catered events (Jan) and fundraise.

I'm a Men's Shed member. I really enjoy listening to the yarns and stories told over breakfast and a cup of tea .

It always amazes me that a trucky who's spent his life in Quorn, could have raised such successful and caring children. And I thank Jan for that. For me, and I think for Jan too, they are our proudest achievement. ■



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HELLO QUORN!

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

The winter weather is now closing in and the countryside is taking on its winter green. The steam from the engines hangs around in the crisp, cool morning air and the sound of the whistles bounce off the surrounding hills. The driver and fireman are very glad of the warmth from the fire as they prepare the engine for the day's trip.

TRAIN JOURNEYS IN JUNE

AFGHAN EXPRESS – departs Pt Augusta

Saturday 2nd

Saturday 16th

Saturday 30th

PICHI RICHI EXPLORER – Departs Quorn

June long weekend

Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th and Monday 11th.

(The Brill Railcar or heritage diesel will be used Monday)

Sunday 24th

The second Coffee Pot Luncheon Experience will operate on Sunday 10th and is again fully booked.

CREW TRAINING

Eight trainee firemen and former fireman have almost completed their Advanced Boiler Attendants Certificate.

Two have been signed off and are already rostered on the footplate. The remainder will soon follow after some practical experience, road knowledge of the track and obtaining their Safe Working qualifications.

One of the firemen now fully requalified is local Quorn identity David Reubenicht. The addition of these firemen to the roster will be most welcome as it has been difficult recently to fill the footplate roster.



Our youngest crew at Port Augusta station

On Saturday April 14th the Afghan Express left Pt Augusta with our youngest crew on the footplate. David Heah was the Driver and Patrick MacKay was Fireman and *both* are in their 20's.

W22 brought the train back to Quorn where they swapped engines and NM25 took the train back to Pt Augusta.

It was a memorable day as Patrick had just been qualified and is our youngest fireman.

David has been qualified as driver for several years. It is very encouraging to have these young people aboard and hopefully they are the first of many more.

QUORN PAGE IN THE TRANSCONTINENTAL

This page will now be included in the Transcontinental Paper monthly Quorn News Feature as well as the local Quorn Mercury.

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The Ghan

— Bruce Delany

IN 1988 I DECIDED to do a nostalgia run on ‘The Ghan’ from Adelaide to Oodnadatta. The Adelaide–Alice Springs line was to be shifted about 150 km to the West, and I wanted one last ride on the old line. I couldn’t get on the last or second-last trains as they’d been booked out long ago, so I had to settle for the third-last.

It was a bit different to what I had remembered in the 1940s. The track was standard gauge for its full length, and the old ‘Puffing Billy’ steam engine had been replaced by a sleek diesel-electric locomotive. Also, travelling time had been cut to about half.

No sleepers were available (booked out), but sitting up was no discomfort in the plush reclining seats. A bit different from the old wooden benches, where passengers sat looking at one another all day and night like ‘Knocka-Dollies’ at a fair ground.

‘The Ghan’ pulled into Oodna just about sundown, and the Stationmaster informed me that my transport (a truck carting cattle to Coober Pedy) would be a bit late, and the driver would pick me up at the pub—where else?

I had downed a few cold VBs, and was having a yarn with a young bloke from ‘Mt Barry’, when another bloke, very truculent and with a few charges under his belt, decided to cast a few doubts about the marital status of the young bloke’s parents!

Things escalated to the point where the aggressive one was poking the young bloke in the brisket with his forefinger. I was in the middle and was being shoved from pillar to post. As anyone that knows me will tell you, I am not a fighting man. I *have* tried it, and failed many times. The only fight I ever won was by about fifty yards.

But I do have a bit of a temper, and dislike being pushed around, so I told this bloke to make like an egg and beat it. He turned on me with a most ferocious scowl, and offered me to go outside as he put it, ‘Where the bull gets his breakfast’.

I was too far in to back out, so I put on my best Jack Dempsey* face, and said to him, ‘I’ll give you a bit of free advice, fella. If you’re going to fight me, I’d recommend you go and

buy the biggest box of Cornflakes in town, and eat the lot, because you’re going to need all the energy you can get!’ To my absolute amazement, he turned, and walked out. Fortunately, my transport turned up soon after, and I got out before he found that packet of Cornflakes.

After I’d been on ‘Macumba’ a few days, I asked the Manager if there were any odd jobs about the homestead I could do, as I felt I should earn my keep. He asked about my mechanical knowledge, and I told him it was equivalent to a pig’s knowledge of music.

He told me the Station had purchased an Isuzu truck in Adelaide, and it had broken down on the trip up, and had to be towed into Oodnadatta where it had stood for the last month. Would I go and have a look at it? I thought, that’s all I *will* be doing—*looking* at it.

Next morning I went into Oodna with the bloke carting cattle to Coober Pedy. And I was dropped off at the local garage with a tool box and an assurance that I’d be picked up that evening by the driver on his return. (Oh, ye of little faith!)

I had a yarn with the owner of the local garage, who assured me he’d done everything bar change the tail light bulbs, and just could not get it to fire up. He couldn’t get fuel to the injectors, and didn’t know why, as he’d changed all the filters, and fuel lines, etc.

Now *I’d* been driving a similar truck in Bourke, and had learned from bitter experience that there’s a tiny filter attached to the underside of the injector pump that is often overlooked because it’s so small. It took me about two years to find it.

Well, the rest as they say ‘is history’. The filter was full of rubber, and jammed tight. After cleaning same and bleeding the injector lines, the old girl was running like an Omega Watch. I drove back to the Station as proud as punch, since it’s not often I can fix anything that’s mechanical.

When my return train was due, the Manager took me into Oodna with my reputation as a fighter and also a mechanical wizard intact. But I didn’t go near the pub, because I thought I saw an empty Cornflakes box!

* Jack Dempsey (1895–1983) was a famous US boxer & World Heavyweight Champion—the ‘Manassa Mauler’.

Courtesy *The Western Herald*, Bourke, NSW ■

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Renewal letters should be received as of 16 July 2018. Your renewal letter will come with the registration disc, but your dog is not considered registered until the online registration is completed and fees paid.

It is an owner's responsibility to register their dog, therefore if you do not receive your renewal letter by the end of July 2018 please contact Council.

ALL DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE 31 AUGUST 2018.

ALL DOGS AND CATS MUST BE MICROCHIPPED

The Expiation fee for any dog not microchipped is \$170 for every 3 months that it remains not microchipped.

- All dogs born after the 1 July of 2018 need to be microchipped and desexed.
- To be exempt from desexing, the dog must be registered with a relevant association, or have a letter from a practicing veterinarian.
- Registration will be completed online. Please wait until you receive your renewal letter.
- If you require help with this process Council staff will be available to help at the Quorn Council Office.

MICROCHIPPING DAY

Quorn Community Hall, Monday 4 June 2018,

\$35 per animal

Please make a booking at the Quorn Council Office.

Please note that Council has also made enquiries to hold a day in Hawker. This service would be dependant on numbers, please register your interest with Council on 8620 0500.

FIREWOOD COLLECTION

Just a reminder that collection of firewood within The Flinders Ranges Council boundaries is prohibited. Expiations may be issued if caught collecting firewood.

Please be respectful and remember that entering private property without the owner's consent is trespassing.

FILMING IN QUORN

Filming will once again be occurring within the Quorn Township and surrounding areas between the 30 May 2018 and the 5 June 2018. There may be some traffic delays or speed restrictions on the following days:

30 May 2018

Carrieton Road (6:00am to 11:00am)

31 May 2018

Willochra Bridge (1pm to 4pm)

1 June 2018 (all day)

Willochra Bridge

Saltia Bridge (2 hours)

2 June 2018

Railway Tce at the Criterion Hotel

Saltia Bridge—Flinders Ranges Way

4 June 2018

Saltia Bridge (2 Hours in the afternoon)

5 June 2018 (all day)

Pinkerton and Quarry Road

The Flinders Ranges Way.



RALLY OF THE RANGES SATURDAY 30 June 2018

THIS COMMUNITY EVENT will begin at the Austral Hotel with a ceremonial start at 8.45am. The route will involve sections around Wilmington and Quorn, then continue to a super special stage at Hawker adjacent to the racecourse.

The event will conclude at the Quorn Oval Complex where catering will be available.

Property owners have been notified of possible disruptions, but please be aware that there will be road closures during this event which may incur traffic delays.

These delays will mainly affect roads surrounding Quorn.

The Chennell Family

KEVIN KHAN of First Street had a visit recently from Jan Smith, the granddaughter of Stanley Charles and Helen Chennell.

They owned Chennell's Store, Seventh Street from 1920 to 1934.



Chennell's Store in 1929

Their home, where Kevin now lives, is in First Street. Kevin showed Jan through, and in return, Jan sent him the story of the family's time in Quorn. She also sent the essay her mother, Joan Haines (nee Chennell) had written when she was at school in Quorn. *It will be reprinted in a later edition of the Mercury.*

The Family

In 1920 my Mother and Father with two small sons moved to Quorn, a small country town at the top of Spencer Gulf in South Australia. My father bought one of the general stores in the town in Seventh Street. He employed between 20 and 30 employees.

As the years passed the family grew, with firstly a daughter in 1920, followed by another in 1923. In 1924 these children contracted gastroenteritis and the older child died. In 1925 I was born and in 1927, yet another daughter was born.



The Chennell children in 1929

We were all born at home, which was the norm in those days. A nurse from Adelaide

was despatched to help my mother cope.

I have been told that this did not always please my father, who did not take kindly to being ordered around by these interlopers.

My father's business grew, and he extended the area which he served to the far north, by providing services to Hawker, Parachilna, Beltana, Leigh Creek, Copley and Marree.



Seventh St showing Chennell's Store in 1929

He had a Hupmobile converted to a Buckboard, and when my brothers grew up, they liked nothing better than being allowed to go on these trips during school holidays.



Joan Haines and friends on the front verandah in First St

At holiday time, my mother would take us to Adelaide, together with the maid. We would get terribly sunburnt and suffer cracked lips, huge blisters on our backs, and spend sleepless nights with red limbs.

In 1934, due to the drought, my father lost his business and we left Quorn. The next time I visited was in 1975.

Jan Smith (nee Haines) ■

When is a Pine not a Pine?

THE AUSTRALIAN ‘Native Pine’ is not actually a pine. It seems to have received its common name based on the appearance of the leaves which are similar to the leaves of ‘true’ pines of the Northern Hemisphere.

Native Pines are members of the family *Cupressaceae*, the Cypress family. The foliage and rounded cones look similar to many Cypress species from other parts of the world.

In the eastern states the common name Cypress Pine is more widely used than Native Pine, which is widely used in South Australia. Early European settlers were familiar with the plants of the Northern Hemisphere, so Australian *Callitris* trees were called ‘Native Pine’ or ‘Cypress Pine’.

Some plant enthusiasts may mistakenly think that ‘true pines’ such as the commonly grown Radiata Pine (*Pinus radiata*, grown in plantations for woodchip and paper) are native to Australia.

Pinus radiata is native to California; it creates a dense shade, depletes the soil of nutrients and water, and changes the soil chemistry to exclude native plants. It has a large pine cone compared with our ‘Native Pine’ which has a hard, woody but smaller rounded cone opening to a small upside down ‘crown’ for seed dispersal.

Australians who fought at the Battle of Lone Pine at Gallipoli know the ‘lone pine’ as an ‘Aleppo Pine’, *Pinus halepensis*. It is well known and revered by those interested in WWI history.

Pinus halepensis is native to the Mediterranean and Middle East. Its seed was brought back from Gallipoli by soldiers after WWI, in memory of friends who had died during the Battle of Lone Pine.

Unfortunately, in some areas of South Australia the ‘Aleppo Pine’ has become invasive to native vegetation and is considered a woody weed.

Mr Don Caldecott from the Northern and Yorke Regional Development Board states, “*the ‘Aleppo Pine’ is a fast grower, reaches 20 metres in height, and grows almost anywhere*”. He notes that a “*seedling Aleppo will take five years to mature, and once mature the trees may produce about 100,000 seeds each year and so quickly swamp out native vegetation, leaving the ground bare except for cones and needles. The Aleppo lives for about 50 years, has minimal benefit to birds, and becomes a significant fire hazard. This has led to many roadside projects to remove large infestations of Aleppo to be replaced by local native trees*”.

Callitris species occur in many parts of the country and range from small trees to sizeable trees cut for commercial timber production.

Callitris glaucophylla occurs naturally in the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden, the Flinders Ranges and many other areas. *Callitris verucosa* and *Callitris gracilis* are Native Pines widespread in parts of South Australia.

The male cone of a *Callitris* is small and located at the tips of twigs. Female cones are similar but take 18-20 months to mature to



Callitris glaucophylla

Callitris glaucophylla cones (see *gracilis* cones in centrefold)



Callitris gracilis

1-3 cm long and wide. The cone may remain closed on the trees for many years—sometimes only opening after being scorched by fire.

The termite resistant wood was used by early settlers for fencing and building. *Callitris glaucophylla*, Northern or White Cypress Pine is still harvested commercially in NSW. It has a beautiful grain and a very pleasant cypress smell when being worked. It can be used for many purposes.

Geraldine Davis ■

The Stony Creek Viewpoint

MANY WALKERS find the Trails on Mt Brown (15 km or 12 km), and on The Dutchman's Stern (10.6 km or 8.4 km) too long. So we are creating Viewpoints (Lookouts) a short way up each arm of these circuits. Walking up to them and back again is between 5 and 6 km.



Often-photographed shapely dead tree a short way up the Trail from the car park. The Trail is easy to see and follow

So far there's the Bald Hill Viewpoint on the Western arm of the Mt Brown Trail (2.7 km). and now two on The Dutchman's Stern, the Terrace Viewpoint on the Northern arm (2.5 km), and the new Stony Creek Viewpoint on the Southern arm (3 km).

Both the ones on The Dutchman's Stern Trail follow the same first km from the car park to Checkpoint 2. Then you go up the right path to the Terrace Viewpoint, or up the left path to the Stony Creek Viewpoint.

The Stony Creek path rises only gradually—the occasional climbing is fairly gentle. There are two creeks to cross, that run only after rain.



There are spectacular views over Quorn to the Horseshoe Range from the last half km to the Stony Creek Viewpoint

They are Uninteresting Creek half-way to the Viewpoint, and the larger Chute Creek which is around 800 metres before the viewpoint.



At Stony Creek Viewpoint, 3 km from the car park. The new seat on the left has a rucksack on it. The view is to the East

The last half km before the path turns West into the magnificent Stony Creek Gorge, offers spectacular views out over Quorn to the Horseshoe Range. You can see the seat close beside the path in the photo above, and the 3 km way-marker pole just right of the great gum tree.



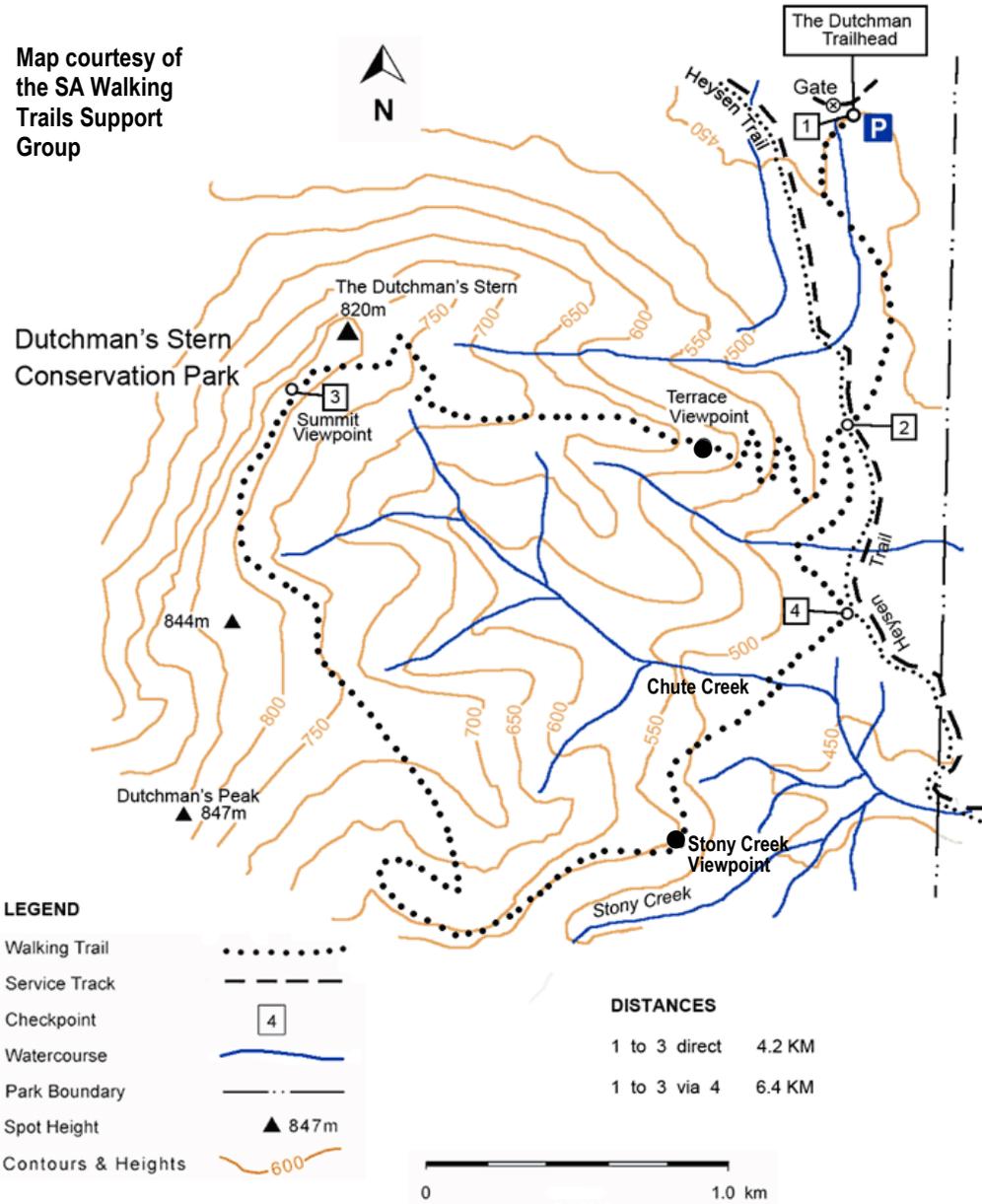
The majestic gum tree East of the seat where the Trail turns into the great Stony Creek Gorge, behind the photographer

There's no pole marking and naming the Stony Creek Viewpoint yet, but the seat is obvious when you reach it. Terrace Viewpoint has no seat yet, but there are plenty of rocks to sit on, and it's well sign-posted. And there *is* a seat at the Bald Hill viewpoint on Mt Brown.

5 km an hour is average walking speed and 3 km an hour is a very leisurely pace. So it's easy to walk to these Viewpoints allowing an hour to get there, an hour to return, and maybe half an hour for morning or afternoon tea when there. ■

Stony Creek & Terrace Lookouts Map

Map courtesy of the SA Walking Trails Support Group



Checkpoint 2 on the right, with map on top. The Trail divides here. There are exit poles a few metres down each path. The left path goes to the Stony Creek Viewpoint, and the right path goes to the Terrace viewpoint



View along the path to the Stony Creek Viewpoint, looking South, after crossing Chute Creek, before you cross a third but tiny creeklet not mentioned in the article (Steep Creek). After it are the spectacular views to the Horseshoe Range

Hot March Wedding

JEFFERY AND HEIDI STOKES were married on the 10th of March this year, a day when the maximum temperature was close to the old century mark.

Guests braved the heat to attend the ceremony on part of the Stokes property adjacent to the Warren's Gorge camping area. Typically the oldest of the guests showed the most tolerance for the heat, shaming the younger generation cowering in the shade.

Heidi was attended by Kirsten Stokes, Kate Breading and Jemma Fraser, who wore traditional wedding attire with a concession to the country of Ariat boots to complete their outfits. Jeffery, (formally Breading), was ably supported by Michael Breading, Jay Power and Josh Miller.

The boys wore dress jeans and white shirts. Ariats and Akubras left no doubt that this was a country wedding. An interesting addition to the boys outfits were the floral sprays in empty 30/06 shells. Junior attendants were Kate and Jay's children Aleia and Wade dressed to match the older members of the bridal party.

The bridal party arrived in V8 Dual Cabs while the Bride had to settle for Dad's old Turbo Six for her *carriage*. Heidi was escorted down the aisle by her father Graham who thankfully handed her over to her future husband then blended back into the crowd. Nadine Garrard did a great job of marrying the couple, ensuring no one drifted off to sleep or died of boredom.

After the ceremony, while the obligatory family photos were happening, guests enjoyed refreshments in the shade of the Gums.

Members of Jeff's family had travelled from as far as New Zealand for the wedding. Heidi's relations travelled from Queensland and Adelaide to help them celebrate. A group of Heidi and Jeff's friends came from New South Wales, and many locals made for an interesting mix of guests.

The reception was held in the Arden Hills shearing shed, which had seen much activity in the preceding week, scrubbing walls and floors, removing spider webs in preparation for the event.

Many thanks to the crew that helped with the clean-up.

The obligatory wait for the bridal party was made easier by Hors d'oeuvres served by the caterers Salt & Pepper who certainly excelled

in the quality of the food and service supplied during the night. Mark and Vicki Deer and Hayley Jones made sure no one went thirsty at any time during the night.

Phil Case may have found a new career when BHP finally kicked him out. Phil had his first go at being MC for the reception providing great entertainment for the guests. John Simpson provided the sound and lighting transforming a fairly ordinary galvanised shed into a great venue. A big thank you to these two blokes. They really helped to make the event for the newlyweds and guests. John even had a smoke generator set up for the bridal party to make their entrance through.

For the meal the bridal party was seated on the raised board which also made a good stage for the speeches. The cutting of the beautiful cake made by Pat Gilbert was also performed on the raised board ensuring the guests all had a good view.

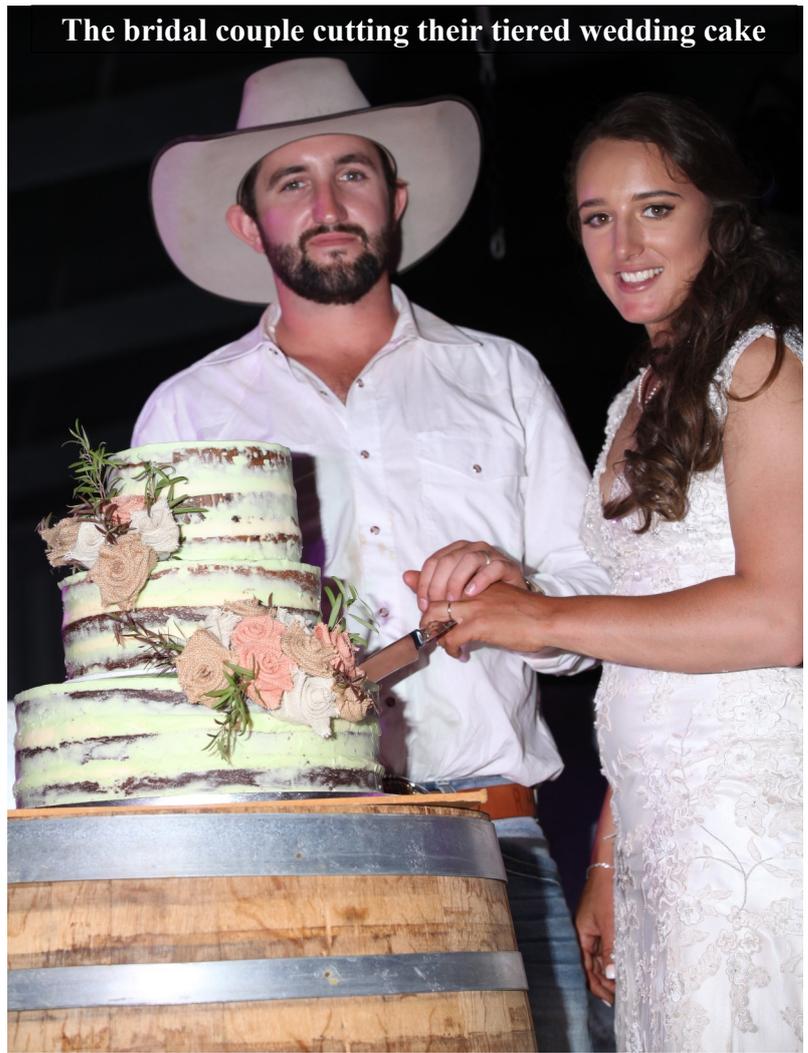
After the formal part of the evening, tables were moved and the wool room became the ballroom, not that any of the dancing performed remotely resembled ballroom dancing. John kept the music going until late doing a great job of keeping the dancers on their feet, until in true country form John called it quits and retired to his swag. Toyota was driven up to the shed and the music continued.

Needless to say there were a few sad looking party goers who finally crawled out of their swags for a recovery breakfast on Sunday morning.

Heidi and Jeff had a week at home at Arden Hills catching up with family and friends before heading back to Rowena in NSW.



The happy couple after the wedding ceremony



The bridal couple cutting their tiered wedding cake



Exchanging vows with Celebrant Nadine Garrard and wedding party in the picturesque setting.

QUORN OUT AND ABOUT



15/05/2018

Doreen Pointon—100!

Flinders House residents were lucky enough to be able to celebrate Doreen's birthday with a special morning tea. Her family and friends joined her in the afternoon for a fabulous celebration. ■



15/05/2018



Attending the recent Music Muster:
Karen Finlay, Chooka Williams and Tuesdee Murray



HAWKER WAR MEMORIAL

Pat and Keith Wiseman visited the memorial on Mothers Day. As can be seen from these lovely photos it is well worth a visit. The memorial honours those who served in conflicts from WWI through to recent conflicts.



Callitris gracillis growing in Powell Gardens.
Above: the smooth pine-cone
Below: a lovely resin bubble.



Small Euc Pimpiniana in bloom—Powell Gardens



Sales in the Sun



A CLOUD FREE sunny Sunday morning encouraged all-comers to browse items on offer in Quorn's Garage Sales.

Maps were available at the Visitor Information Centre. Vehicles and pedestrians were seen proceeding from sale to sale throughout the morning. ■



Eight millimetres/ thirty two points of rain was recorded in Quorn on May 27th.

School News



ANSTO SYDNEY TRIP NRWMF Educational Experience.

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The recent trip to National Radioactive Waste Management Facility at Lucas Heights was extremely successful. It offered our learners the opportunity to actively engage with some of Australia's leading tradespeople, scientists and researchers. As well as the careers and STEM focus of the trip there was plenty of time for our students to experience the challenges of travel and the delights of many of Sydney's famous landmarks.

The National Radioactive Waste Management Facility (NRWMF) Educational Experience program brings a small group of students and their teachers to Sydney for four days of hands-on-science and technology. This was a free

event– all flights, travel, accommodation, meals and expenses were covered by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. It was a unique opportunity for our students to meet with leading tradespeople, engineers and researchers and learn about ANSTO's waste management practices and career opportunities with the Nuclear Science and Technology Industry first hand.

Students representing QAS our school were Ethan, Jaquarra, Kaleb, Tayla and Jade, Meggan, Blake, Macey-Jo, Aiden, Taitum, Chloe, Zoe, Thomas, Haymish, Kaitlyn, and Philip. Matt Griffiths and Megan Novillos were the teachers in charge. *See photo below.*

Whilst in Sydney the students did a tour of the OPAL reactor; Radiation Safety Workshop, Hands on Waste Operations; Tour of the Australian Museum; Sydney Harbor and dinner cruise ; Hands-on Environmental Monitoring and visited the Sydney Opera House. Students left on Sunday 8th April and returned Friday 13th April.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN testing took place in Week 3 for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This year we ran NAPLAN tests for all students in those year levels to allow us to gather the data on the growth of our learners in school. ■



School News

TERM ONE AWARD WINNERS

Attendance 100%: Shelby Finlay, Noah Kruger, Ebonie Werth, Matilda Brooks, Jaiy Hatley, Madison Hatley, Joel Finlay, Dayne Hancock, Ethan Baker, Tayla Finlay, Tom Millington, Shalaynee Brady, Abraham Tuckwell, and Macey Hancock.

Class Awards: Savannah Brown, Brayden Shearer, Kylah Donald, Tasnuba Anjum, Riley Crisp, Kayla Daly, Cooper McMillan, Lara Filsell, Kathleen Medlam, Ethan Baker, Jayde Finlay, Aiden Hatley, Tayla Finlay, Chloe Hilder, Haymish Moosha.

PRIMARY NEWS

The primary cohort welcome Annelise Perry to the team to complete a placement in Mrs Ikiua-Brooks 1/2 class. We hope you enjoy your time here. A few of the events for this term are: Mother's Day Stall, Walk Safely To School Day, NAPLAN, National Simultaneous Story Time, Cookbook, Submissions, NAIDOC Week, Flinders House visits.

SAPSASA FOOTBALL & NETBALL

On Friday 6th April, students from Years 5-7 participated in the SAPSASA netball and football carnivals held at Port Augusta and Stirling North.

Students from Hawker joined our school to make up numbers. Both netball teams (division one and three) participated in a number of matches throughout the day.

Congratulations to Mackenzie Chapman who has been selected to represent the district at the SAPSASA Netball Carnival later this term, held in Adelaide. Isaac Finlay, Brodie Stirling and Joel Finlay were invited to try out for the district SAPSASA football team.

SSSSA ATHLETICS

On Thursday 12th April, two of students represented our school in the combined MNSEC Athletics carnival at SANTOS Stadium in Adelaide. The team competed in A2 division and finished 8th overall. Congratulations to Jack Hancock and Bailey Stirling for their efforts. Thank you to their parents for the supervision and transport which allowed both boys to participate.

BUDDING ARTIST

Congratulations to Lorie Paynter who was awarded 1st place for her *Chequered Horse* in the recent Youth Week Art competition.



ANZAC Day

Pictured Below: Jaquarra and Abraham, represented Quorn Area School at the traditional ANZAC Day service held in Quorn in the school holidays. The students laid a wreath and raised a flag during the ceremony.



Isaac Finlay with his Tech Studies piece

School News

YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS 2018
 Congratulations to our new Young Environmental team this year. Students will partake in term by term forums run by the Rangers from Natural Resources Management. Focus issues include the impact of waste on the environment, water quality of our estuaries and plant and animal habitat.

This year's project for QAS will be an aquaponics setup. It will include a vertical garden wall and fish tank, replacing the existing terrapin enclosure (on the corner of the AB ED room). The Young Environmental Leaders will be asked to engage other students in a "Kids teaching Kids" role, where the knowledge and skills acquired are handed on using fun activities that highlight their researched topics.



Thursday afternoon involved a visit from Cameron Watson, a Park Ranger from Natural Resources Management Northern Yorke. (pictured right).

Cameron explained the leadership aspects of the student's role as leaders, and how the 'Kids teaching Kids' programme will unfold during this year culminating in the final forum.

Students will be researching aquaponics as well as constructing an indoor system before venturing to an outdoor wall. The information gained from their activities will enable them to showcase and instruct other students in the key elements and construction of a successful system.

Term 2 Activities:

Below: 9 A side Football at Jamestown:
 Bailey, Declan and Lachie;
 Zoe, Jayde, Emily and Maya,.



Bottom: From left: Flinders House visit by Yr 3/4 Class;
 Foundation class Maths patterns;
 Aboriginal Art on bark project-Rosslyn



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Inter-School First

THIS YEAR FOR my Stage 2 Research project, I chose to research *'How to organise and plan an Interschool Gymkhana within our local community'*.

I chose to do this topic as I have been to many Interschool gymkhanas in SA and had always wished that we could have one in Quorn.

I wanted to run the interschool program in conjunction with Quorn Agricultural Show as Kapunda High School had done. We hope this encourages an increase in horse entries at the Quorn Show and interschool events and encourage competitors to stay in Quorn and showcase our wonderful community.

It has been a lot of work and a great learning experience.

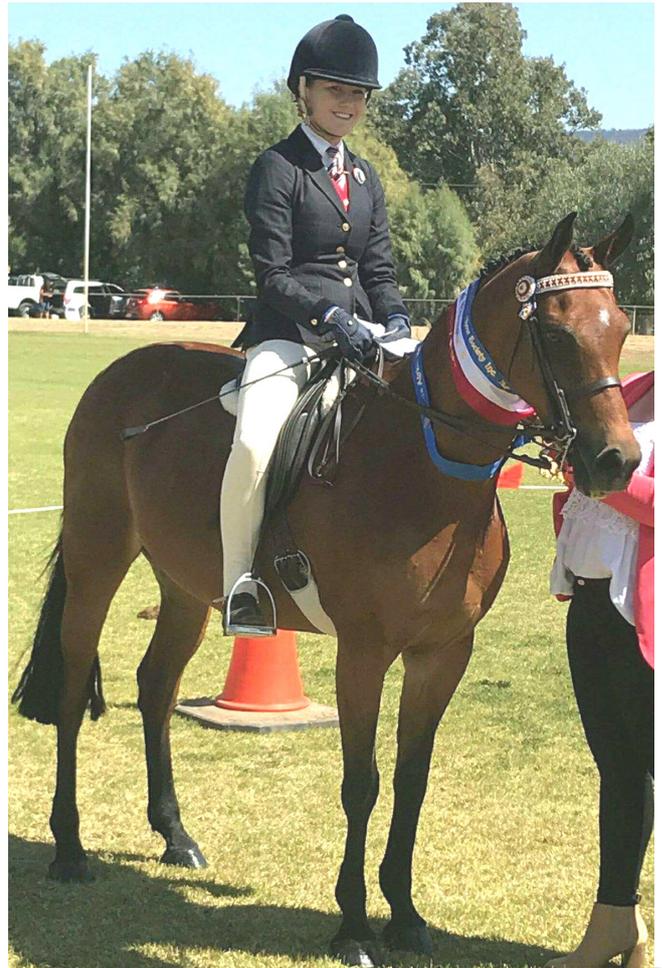
I had to make many phone calls to Equestrian SA, write letters to gain permission from the Flinders Ranges Council for use of the oval and permission to hold the event, letters to the Cricket club, Quorn volunteer Ambulance Service, SAA committee, to attend Quorn Agricultural Show committee meetings and personally contact and organise Judges.

I also had to formulate a survey so I could find out how far people would be prepared to travel to an event like this, if they would stay, what events and disciplines they wanted to compete in.

From these results, I was able to work out the types of classes to hold and estimate the interest in holding the event.

The idea was well supported with 122 people completing the survey. Interest from adults wanting to attend and asking if Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria classes could be held. So I incorporated some HRC AV classes into the program.

I developed the interschool's and HRC AV Gymkhana program which include six rings Open Hack ring, Open Hunter ring, Show Jumping ring, Encourage ring, Led Breeds ring and a Timed Games ring. I have many competitors requests to have the program emailed. I have a poster and plan to send out packages which will include the program, accommodation guide, entry and waiver forms and Information poster to local and statewide schools have advertised the event on Social Media.



Chloe receiving the Quorn Show 2017 champion Galloway award

I have projected the cost of ribbons which include Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons, a High Points Rider/Horse Combination Trophy and an Overall High Points School shield.

Other cost will include payment of judges and accommodation, hire of equipment, and advertisement.

I am currently working on sponsorship for the event. Any profit made on the day will be donated to the Quorn Community, in particular the local sporting associations.

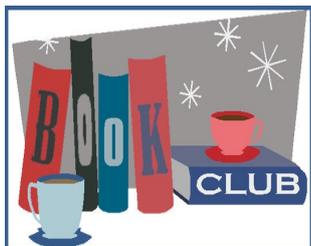
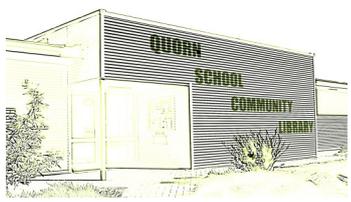
I have had amazing support from the Quorn Agricultural Show Committee, Amanda O'Loughlin, the Quorn Area School, Miss Carcuro and my mum.

I am very excited to be able to bring the first ever Interschool event to Quorn and promote our Town and School to others.

Chloe Hilder



LIBRARY NEWS

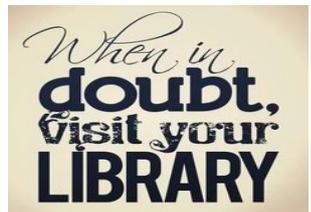


QUORN BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 27th June
Children's Act by Ian McEwan
At 1825 Arden Vale Road
For information please phone
Sam on 0456 129 870



STORY TIME
Wednesday 6th June: Teddy Bear's Picnic,
20th June and 4th July
Story Time is at 10am. Come along for a story,
sing-a-long and craft with Nancy.
Phone Nancy on 86486705



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Each Thursday 2 - 4 pm in the Library for witnessing
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Please note that this website now contains a link to resources regarding online cyber safety.

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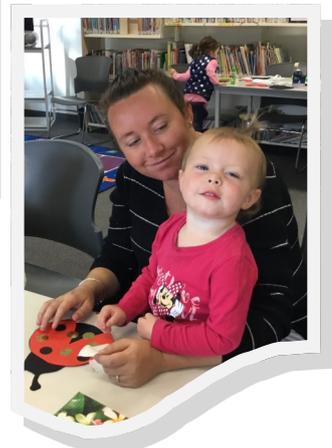
INTERNET FOR SENIORS - Every Friday 10am with Anne Freebairn

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

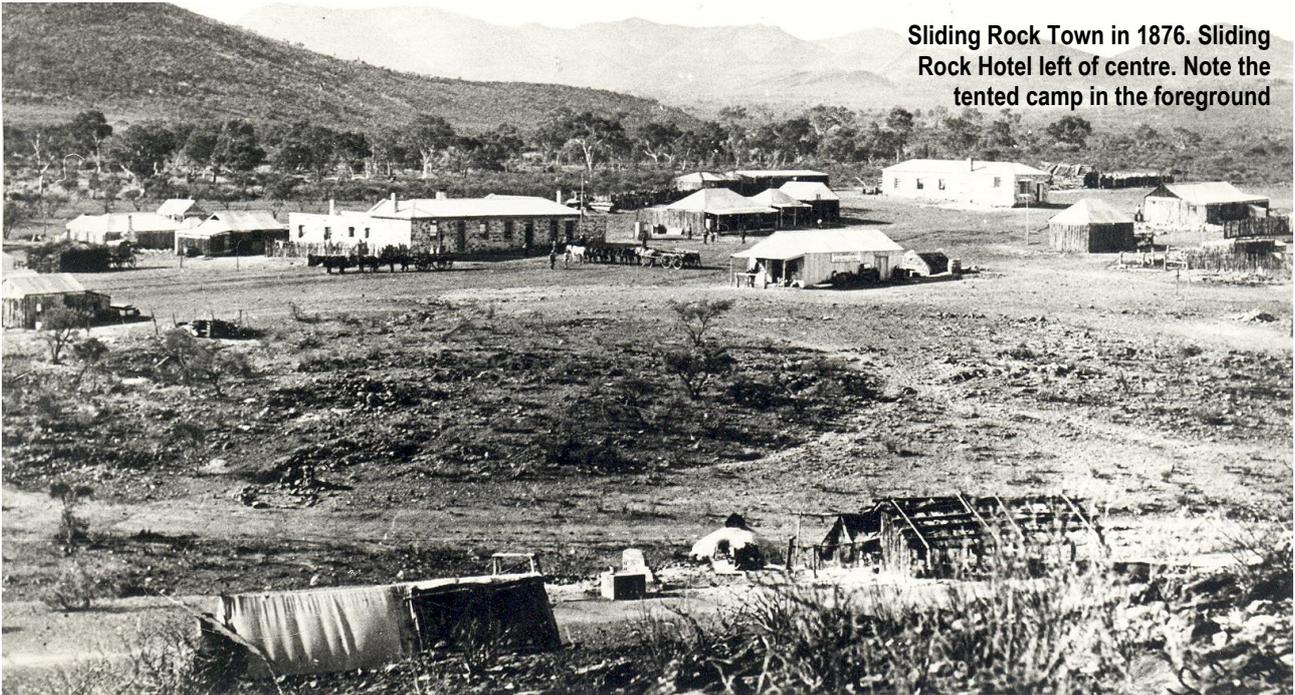
ON WEDNESDAY 23rd May National Simultaneous Storytime, the R-6 students listened to “Hickory Dickory Dash” written by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual event to encourage more children to read books. Schools all across Australia reading the same book at the same time.

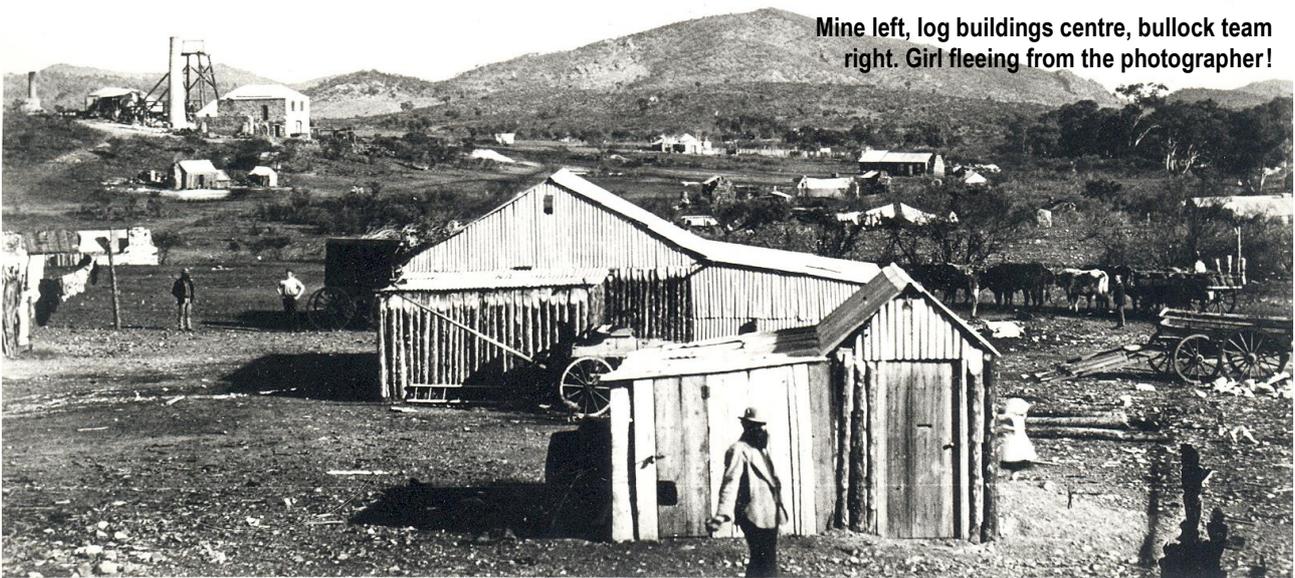
The story was read by special guest Maggie Kamin from the Quorn Kindergarten. It was followed by activities, a chatterbox, word search, finger puppets and a favourite—a mouse-clock.



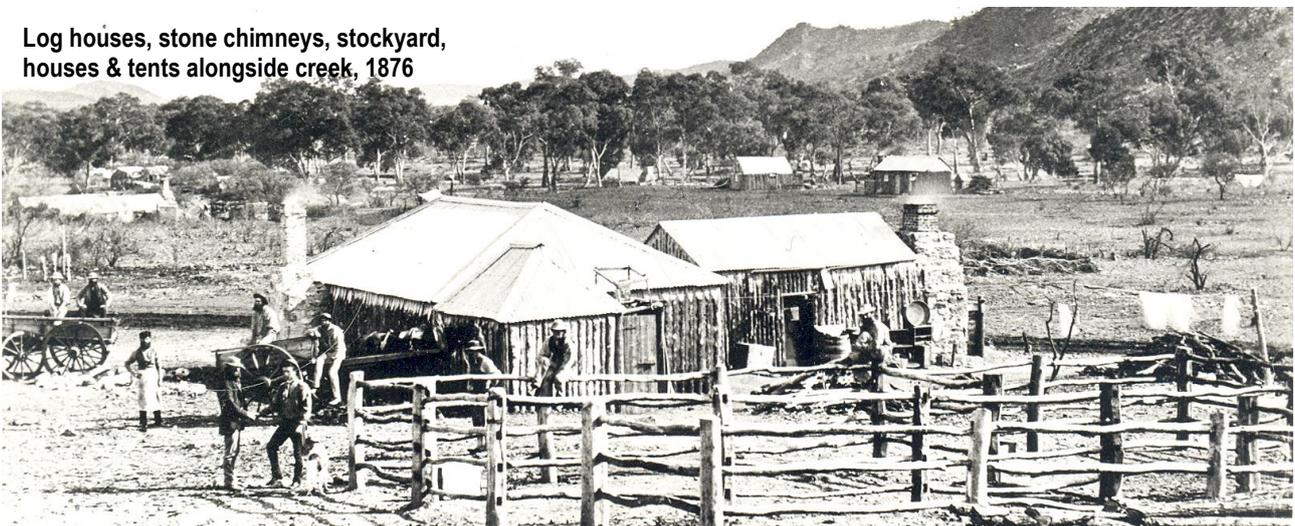
Pictures — From the Past



Sliding Rock Town in 1876. Sliding Rock Hotel left of centre. Note the tented camp in the foreground



Mine left, log buildings centre, bullock team right. Girl fleeing from the photographer!



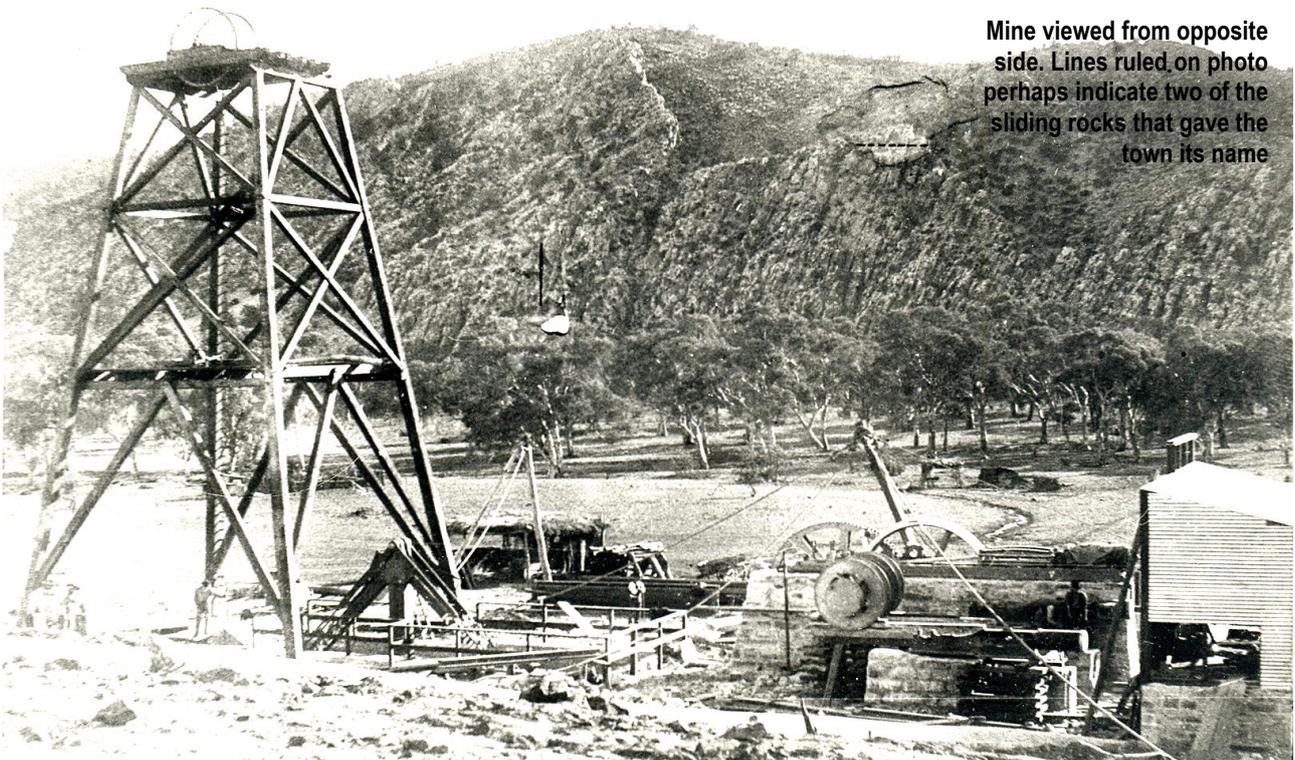
Log houses, stone chimneys, stockyard, houses & tents alongside creek, 1876

Pictures—From the Past (Continued)

Cornish chimney left, poppet head centre, engine house right of centre, smelter chimney & flue right



Mine viewed from opposite side. Lines ruled on photo perhaps indicate two of the sliding rocks that gave the town its name



THESE FIVE photos are of the town of Sliding Rock in the 19th century, near and to the north-east of Beltana. Two of the photos are dated 1876. But the poppet head in the two on this page is far more developed in the second one.

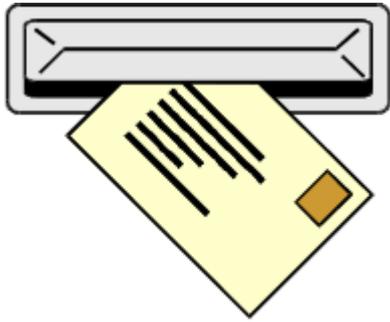
The town's official name of Cadnia (Indigenous for 'rock') was rarely used. Copper was discovered there by John Holding and Joseph Hele in December 1869. At the town's height the population was 400.

Unlike most of the other mines in the area, this one had its own smelting plant, too.

The town and mine had several bursts of prosperity, and downturns. But what eventually ended it was underground water in the mine. The last Company to operate the mine closed it permanently in 1907, and most of the townspeople left. The final disaster was in 1908 when the Hotel burned down totally.

After Leigh Creek was established in the 1940s, the water from the mine was pumped to it from 1944, until the Aroona Dam was built.

These photos are scans of copies made by the SA State Archives around 1960. ■



Letters to the Editor

Forty five jobs: Great news or too good to be true?

FORTY FIVE JOBS have suddenly appeared.

Triple. Suddenly we are told only now, the government is going to put the intermediate level waste at the nuclear waste facility, when clearly it was always there.

Low level waste does not need guards. It is the long lived highly radioactive intermediate waste that the original security guards were guarding.

The Department is very worried it will lose the vote. Forty five jobs sounds great. Understandably people will want to believe it's true. But DIIS have said so much that is untrue already- can you trust them? Or ANSTO, the source of so much spin?

Do they think we have no memory? Intermediate level waste, including from the nuclear reactor, has always been part of the deal. Because it is highly toxic (over 90% of the radioactivity, needing to be kept safe for 10,000-100,000 years) they have always played it down. DIIS has actively sold the whole dump concept with displays of harmless looking gloves and gowns. But intermediate waste, including reactor waste, was always the main game.

DIIS has pushed nuclear medicine as a main reason we have this waste; but almost never mentions that the vast majority of countries do not have reactors to make nuclear medicine. Certainly the UK and the US import theirs.

The medical information they have put out is wrong or deliberately misleading. A couple of years ago I thought they just had dopey advisers, but having pointed out many false statements to them in person and in writing, they (or their advocates) keep trotting out the same wrong or distorted claims.

They claim there is no stigma to having nuclear waste—yet Lucas Heights (the suburb)

changed its name to Baden Ridge to try to improve property values. If you doubt this, look on the internet.

They have claimed there is an international shortage of nuclear medicine, when in fact the NEA/OECD predict a glut.

There has never been a cost benefit analysis of isotope production—none. ANSTO costs the tax payer about \$200 million a year, yet it cannot show a credible cradle-to-grave benefit from massively ramping up waste production in future.

They are even fighting the choice of who votes.

There is no transparency. No accountability. No guarantees of these magically appearing new jobs being local or even existing at all. No plan whatsoever for long term disposal of this incredibly toxic material.

At Woomera drums are leaking, and several Maralinga clean-ups have still left a poisoned land.

For twenty years they have tried to foist this second rate “100 year store” on a community.

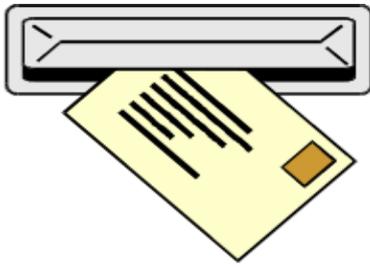
We urgently need an independent inquiry into nuclear waste production and storage.

The department has told way too many half-truths. “Forty five jobs” simply does not pass the pub test.

Dr Margaret Beavis

Dr Margaret Beavis MBBS FRACGP MPH lectures at Melbourne University on nuclear waste issues and also teaches medicine there.

She is a Melbourne GP and until recently president of MAPW (the Medical Association for Prevention of War). She is vice president of ICAN (Australia)—the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons—who were awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.



Letters to the Editor

I WRITE IN RESPONSE to a letter from Mr Leon Ashton to the Quorn Mercury, 27 April 2018, to respond to his allegations, and to set the record straight on a number of factual matters, to ensure that the community discussion can go ahead on a properly informed basis.

This is a big decision and we spend a large amount of time engaging with members of the community, and do so regardless of their individual or organisational view on the waste facility. This is right and proper, and we thank those who have engaged with us to date.

To support this process we have also provided technical experts, and hosted tours of similar facilities, to help all members of the community understand the facts about the project, to inform their decision as to whether to proceed.

Our process places the community at its centre, and we have demonstrated our commitment to this through comprehensive and transparent consultation. We also pride ourselves on listening to the community and, to the best of our ability, ensuring our information is answering their questions and responding to their concerns – although sometimes our responses are not what people want to hear.

The Department has always defended the right of anyone to support, not support, or oppose, the facility. Contrary to Mr Ashton's suggestions, we have never criticised anyone for having a view. We provide the facts as they are.

So in response to Mr Ashton's letter, we offer the following:

On the topic of community support, the decision to progress each of the three sites was made after consultation with the community, and in each case was informed by official surveys, direct consultations, community meetings, submissions and more.

We fully stand by the integrity of the surveys conducted by Orima Research, a leading independent opinion research company, as does the company itself. That said, we have listened to the community about how they feel it can be done better, and that's why we are having a ballot.

The Department has always acknowledged

that there is a broad range of views in the community, and while some are opposed to the proposal there are others equally forthright in their support. We have observed that most in each community are having respectful, if at times robust, discussion about this important issue.

To be very clear – the Department does not engage in, encourage or condone disrespectful or dishonest behaviour.

On the technical suitability, studies are underway to better understand the technical aspects of each individual site, including in relation to groundwater, flora and fauna and more.

Some claims have been made in relation to the physical suitability of Wallerberdina Station. We are examining these as well as conducting our own professional assessments. Australia's independent geological and seismic monitoring agency Geoscience Australia has indicated no known active faults in nominated areas, and that their level of seismic risk is similar to Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney, which is moderate by Australian standards. AECOM is currently testing the site for seismic and other physical risks. Their work will be peer reviewed by Geoscience Australia, who are the experts in the field

Further, I can also say that the assessment in the letter referred to by Mr Ashton did not take into account any site specific conditions, the design of the facility or the way the waste would be fixed in place and managed. These are important factors, and the facility, wherever it is located, will be engineered to ensure that waste will not enter the environment.

On the need for this facility, the fact is that most of Australia's radioactive waste stream is linked to the production of nuclear medicines that, on average, one in two Australians will need in their lifetime.

As Dr Adi Paterson, the CEO of ANSTO, again confirmed in his recent visit, the waste to be managed at the facility is generated by the production and use of nuclear medicines, as well as through research and from industry.

On the radioactive material itself, we have

Letters to the Editor Continued

consistently said that this facility will be the permanent home of Australian low level waste. It will also temporarily store intermediate level waste, likely for some decades.

A separate process will identify a different site at a different location for the permanent disposal of intermediate level waste. That is in line with international best practice, it is the requirement of the regulator, and it is what will happen. The detail of this was reconfirmed in the new Framework, which was recently released. There is a risk that any suggestion to the contrary may lead to confusion in the community.

Similarly, the claim that our intermediate waste is “high level” is incorrect. Australia, like other countries around the world, follows the clear radioactive waste classification guidelines from the International Atomic Energy Agency. According to those guidelines, the reprocessed spent fuel at ANSTO is classified as intermediate level waste. Australia

does not produce high level waste.

And finally, on the process. A single, safe, purpose-built facility that is supported by its local community is in line with international best practice, and that is what this process – which was designed by experts, academics and environmental groups – will deliver.

What we are looking for is land that is volunteered by an owner, which is technically suitable and that is alongside a community that is supportive of hosting this type of facility. The community is at the core of this process, and we are having this discussion with communities who have told us they want to have it.

Bruce Wilson
Principal Advisor
National Radioactive Waste Management Taskforce

Quorn

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ONCE AGAIN we have spent a great week in your town, attending the Music Muster and re-visiting other parts of the area.

Something about the Flinders always brings a poem to the surface.

We'll be back again next year!



Streets still wide enough
to turn a bullock team;
a famous little railway
still mostly powered by steam.
Buildings standing tall,
built when the state was young;
landscape steep and rugged,
formed when the earth began.

A climate harsh that challenges
all who dare to stay,
while its aura urges travellers
to stay another day.
Nestled among ranges,
by a creek this town was born,
now it makes friends of strangers,
this little town called Quorn.

Eulogy—Malcolm Eckert

27/9/40-7/5/2018

MALCOLM, born Sept 27th 1940, was the youngest son of Eva and Paul Oscar Eckert of Arden Vale. Older siblings were Douglas, Cyril, Roma, Harold, Rodney and Iris. Sadly, only Cyril and Iris, are still with us.

Malcolm was taught at Arden Vale Primary School by Miss Fitzgerald, who was strict but fair. He walked or rode in the horse and buggy with the Francis children. He boarded with Aunty Soph for high school, and was reported as a quiet, well-mannered boy (along with Graham Francis).

A teacher, Mr Brown, recognised his cricket talent and suggested he go to Prince Alfred College. But Malcolm scoffed, as he did *not* like the city.

He played cricket in Quorn, and became captain in 1965. He captained the 1966 Country Carnival team. He was a good batsman and handy wicket-keeper. One year, Alec Bury as captain, he top scored in a grand final win.

He was also a successful footballer. Lyall (Voigt) said he was a good mark and kick. He helped Quorn win a Grand Final against Orroroo by keeping Jackie Reddaway out of the game, As Lyall said he was an all-round *good sport*.

Malcolm's true passion was tennis. He had success in district competitions and soon had a *truck-load* of trophies at home.

He was unbeatable and loved to challenge the young fellows—Kelvin Struck when he came back to Quorn, Scratcher (Neil Finlay) and Hickey (Greg Wright), who may have taped his win.

There wouldn't be a female doubles partner of Malcolm's that he didn't hit in the back of the head. He and Uncle Ron were fierce rivals in Port Augusta.

He went to Country Carnivals in Adelaide (with Graham Fry all bandaged up); the Berri Carnival (With his *Maulers*—Ron Batt, Alna Chapman (Chappie) and Twink Sparks—90s winners). Julie recalls Malcolm walking from Memorial Drive to Gouger or Grote St for on-tap ginger beer *in his slippers*.

Malcolm and I went to the Australian Open in Melbourne, sitting watching up-and-coming Australian players. Julie (Lewis) summarised him as *the Federer of the North* as much for his good sportsmanship as his tennis ability.

Malcolm worked for Roy Deakin, the Barytes and Water Works (30 years).

He married Gwen in 1961. I was born before he was 22. He moved into his mother's Eighth Street house when she died, and lived there for about 50 years.

Malcolm would work at his job all day and then fix someone's plumbing, tile a bathroom or do odd jobs, to make ends meet. He and Gwennie took in boarders—teachers, cousins, bankers, stock agents, council workers whom he welcomed in *his* own way. Malcolm was fond of Robert Goodwin. Mary, Patsy and Spog who loved Malcolm and appreciated his help to them.

Malcolm built Mary's house and helped build Aunty Betty Smith's, plumbed Robert Bury's shack; renovated our home (when Gwennie was holidaying). He took on extra work to fund Gwen's overseas trip.

In 1990, Mary and Patsy organised his surprise 50th birthday party. Before leaving to go to Mary's for *tea*, he called his tennis mate *Frysy* in Pt Augusta. The child who answered told him Dad had gone to Quorn for a surprise party. *Fred* took off, Gwen

Eulogy—Malcolm Eckert

didn't know where, but he was a *no-show* for the party.

When he retired, Malcolm enjoyed being Lewis's Electrical *postie*, with vicious dogs in tow. He gave a lot of cheek to Lill Hughes, Jenny Wooley, Kathy Kennedy and Julie (Gwen called them his girlfriends), but they shared birthday cakes, as did Strucks, when they took over.

Malcolm loved travelling around Australia with us—to Victoria, the snow, WA and Alice Springs, sometimes in a caravan hired from Donnie Barber. On his few family beach holidays he'd wear shoes and socks on the beach

Malcie and Gwen went to Qld, WA, Tassie and Victoria, and *talked*. They visited the Kennedys, and Bury relations, always via Barmera to see me.

Malcolm secretly loved children, and spent time with the Lewis and Carling kids, Mary's girls, Daniel Kwaterski, Shirley's boys and the McCallum's. If he found the fruit gone after Hannah Carling's visit, he'd grump '*where are all me pears?*'

Malcolm's dogs were important to him—Rover and Kelly and a procession of chihuahuas. Trudy the first and Jessie the Queen were Gwen's, but he spent three days in bed after Jessie died. Not a few were on the receiving end of Paddy Murphy, the *One-Man dog's* attacks. Now Caycy is missing his boss.

Malcolm's dry sense of humour and sarcasm hid his caring and thoughtful side. The loss of infant son Greg early in his married life must have had a deep impact. He worried about anyone who was unwell—Leanne Dodman, Bev Pratt and Libby Michael. She and Gar became Malcolm's great neighbours.

Malcolm's strength and compassion came to the fore when Gwen's illness made her dependent on him. When he

was asked if he got frustrated with her, he said '*not as frustrated as she gets with herself*'. He took her everywhere—Scott's, wood chopping, shopping.

He cared for her, mostly alone, for nearly five years, even on holidays, until his own health suffered.

Malcolm was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997. He recovered before knee replacements ended his tennis playing days. He coped with heart surgery, and a return of cancer. He didn't hesitate to undergo surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy, until convinced that his body had had enough.

He was a champion who just kept going. He lived four and a half years after the final diagnosis. In his last stint in Adelaide Hospital he told a nurse who was rough that she'd be better off in a shearing shed than a hospital.

Malcolm would wish to thank Dr Tony, whom he trusted and relied on, Dr Amanda Townsend, his wonderful understanding oncologist; Quorn hospital staff, Lyall, Valma, Gar, Kylie, Maurice, Jenny, Lewis's, Hickey, Scratcher, Struck's, Battersby's, Rob and Radhika (who came all the way from India), faithful friends and family.
Karen Eckert ■





Classified Adverts

For Tender
Quorn Area School
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In Good Working Order

Please contact Bart Brooks for details 0432 299 937

Buyer to Collect

Offers close 30th June, successful tender will be notified shortly thereafter

Please Address Tenders to:
PO Box 21

Quorn SA 5433

DL.0793.Finance@schools.sa.edu.au

Quorn Ladies Auxiliary

AGM and coffee morning to be held at the Quandong Café on Thursday June 14th at 10am.

The auxiliary raises money for equipment for the residents of Flinders House and Hospital.

Any person who has helped over the last year or any person interested in joining the auxiliary are most welcome to attend.

Quorn Golf Club

Mothers Day Raffle result drawn
4th May 2018

Winners:

- | | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 1st Prize | Patrick Finlay |
| 2nd Prize | Quorn Auto Port |
| 3rd Prize | Marg Summerton |
| 4th Prize | Don Calliss |
| 5th Prize | Jo Grace |
| 6th Prize | Keith Wiseman |

Many thanks to all who donated the prizes and bought tickets to make it a very successful raffle.

Thank You

Eckert, Malcolm

Scott and Karen would like to express their gratitude to family and friends for their calls, messages, cards and acts of kindness on the recent passing of their father, Malcolm.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

Wanted

Old photographs of the bank, 37 First Street Quorn

Do you have any old photographs or slides that you are willing to share? Maybe you have some stored in an old shoe box or possibly in a photo album.

We wish to retain the bank buildings' history and unfortunately photos and slides don't last forever so we want to find as many images of the building (inside or out) as possible.

So if you have any old bank photos or slides that we can borrow to duplicate or obtain, can you please let me know?

Many thanks, Vicki Parker, 37 First Street, Quorn 53433,

email vaparker123@gmail.com

Ph 0419233729

Health Calendar

Requests for Allied Health 1800 003 307

June

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for June details

Podiatrist

Diabetes Education

Dietitian

Physiotherapist

Occupational Therapist

Speech Pathologist

Social Worker

Tuesday to Friday
(every second Thursday)

Bookings 8642 3201

More health services information see Classifieds



June

Anglican Church of St Mathew

Three services a year:

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

If required for a funeral service

Ring: 86486162 or 86486763

Catholic Church Church of the Immaculate Conception

Parish Priest, Father Jimmy Pantin

Sunday Mass 8.30am

Weekday Mass (W-S) 9.00am

Flinders Christian Fellowship

Sunday Service Weekly 10.00am

Lunch Mon & Thurs 12pm

Bible study Tues 12:30pm

Uniting Church

Sunday Service Weekly 11.00am

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events June 2018

Regular Events

Quorn

Powell Gardens Working

Bee—

2nd Sunday and 4th
Thursday of the month

Quorn Produce and Craft market

Sunday 24th June

Quorn Book Club

Wednesday 27th at 1825
Arden Vale Road, 7pm
Phone Sam Nester for more
info 0456 129 870

Women's Fellowship—

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

Quorn Men's shed

Breakfast 7th & 21st

Storytime at the Library

6th & 20th at 10am

Flinders Flicks

22nd June 6:30 for 7:30pm
Phantom Thread

Spit Roast

at Emily's Bistro every
Sunday

Events

Pichi Richi Marathon

24th June.

Full marathon — Port Augusta to
Quorn. Half marathon Saltia Creek to
Quorn. 10.5 km walk or run. 5km walk
or run. Junior 1km dash all ending with
Celebrations at the Community Oval
Quorn. Please remember a road
closure will be in effect on the day.

Hawker Quiz Night: Hawker Institute

Friday 22nd @7pm Bookings essential
hawkerfete@gmail.com
Ph 0429 996 650 or 0457 075 620

The Great Pumpkin Party 2nd and 3rd

@ Hawker over 2 days, gather for this
exciting pumpkin filled event
For more information [hawker-
pumpkin-party-eventbrite.com.au](http://hawker-pumpkin-party-eventbrite.com.au)

Hawker Biggest Morning Tea

Friday 8th 10am @ Hawker Motors

Pichi Richi Railway Train Journeys

Pichi Richi Explorer - Departs 10.30am
9th, 10th, 11th, 24th, Quorn to Woolshed
Flat and return. Afghan Express —
Departs 10.30am 2nd, 16th, 30th, Port
Augusta to Quorn and return.

**Pick up your timetable at the VIC
Quorn or visit**

www.pichirichirailway.org.au

Regular Events

Quorn

Line dancing

Tuesday nights 7pm Town Hall. Cost \$6

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm Uniting Church
Hall

Badminton

Tuesday nights 7pm School Gym

Probus

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

Aerobics/Walking Exercise

Monday and Thursday Anglican Church
Hall 6pm. Cost \$2

Quilting Group

Friday at the Austral Hotel all day.
Everyone welcome

Quorn Bowling Club

Interested in playing a game of social
bowls? Tuesday 1.00pm for 1.30pm start.
Everyone is welcome to join in the fun

Hawker

Quilting Group—Friday fortnightly

Community Group—Tuesday fortnightly

Friendship Group—3rd Wednesday

Development Board—3rd Monday of the
month

Quote of the Month

What you do not want done to
yourself, do not do to others.

Confucius c550-478 BC



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Quorn Country Music Muster



Rhonda and Rod Owen at the Bowls Club



Lions Club: Lorraine Walsh, Caroline Walters and Michael Abfalter served soup and chips at the racecourse.

ACCORDING TO ORGANISER Des Hartman, artists came from every state to join in the successful four day event.

Beginning with walk up performances on Thursday 10th May, the Quorn Bowls club catered to a capacity crowd. The main event on Saturday 12th May showcased artists of high quality to a larger audience than last year.

One visiting couple flew back from Bali and drove from Traralgon in Victoria just to be with everyone, as they loved it so much last year.

Des and Sonja thanked the business people of Quorn, the Racing Club, Bowls club and the many local people who have supported them. Thanks also to the Flinders Ranges Council for their on-going support. ■



Above: A large crowd enjoyed listening to music, songs and recitations. They were served a delicious dinner at Thursday's Walk Up, at the Quorn Bowls Club

Below: A larger crowd at the Quorn Racecourse on Saturday.

