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Anzac Day Service In Quorn



Above Quorn Area School Students, Brennan Bothwell, Ashleigh Scott and Maia Kruger laying the wreaths with Mayor Anderson



OVERCAST CONDITIONS PREVAILED during the Anzac Day Service at the Quorn War Memorial, As always the seating area filled early. A growing group of participants formed on the footpath to pay their respects.

The service speakers were Flinders Ranges Mayor Ken Anderson, CEO Sean Holden, Rev Arthur Tanner and Mr. Lou Walker.

Students from Quorn Area School also attended, reading poetry and laying a wreath with the Mayor Ken Anderson

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Welcome to Quorn! National Brush Car Rally Rolls In!

We are delighted to have been in beautiful Quorn over Easter to kick off the National Brush Car Rally over the Easter break. You would have seen some wonderfully quirky and rare vehicles cruising (slowly!) around the region — the legendary Brush runabout, built in Detroit between 1907 and 1913.

These lightweight, single-cylinder cars are over 114 years old and were built for simplicity, not speed — so they may struggle with hills and sometimes slow to a crawl (or a confident walking pace). If you find yourself behind one on the road, please be patient, keep a safe distance, and be prepared to slow down.

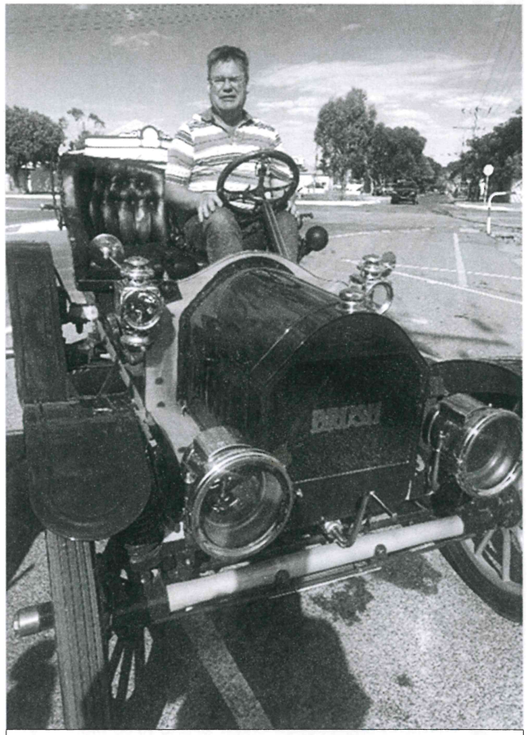
We appreciate your road courtesy as these veteran vehicles take in the Flinders Ranges at their own pace.

The Brush car holds a special place in history — it was the first car to cross Australia from west to east in 1908, proving that determination (and a good toolkit) can go a long way!

A big thank you to the local Quorn community for your warm hospitality and support. ■



Two different models of vintage Brush automobiles.



Travis McDonald with his beautifully restored Brush vintage automobile

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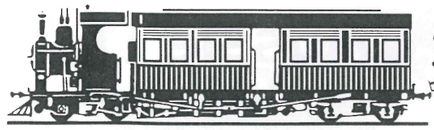
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The April school holidays are always an exciting and busy time for our volunteers on the Pichi Richi Railway with the first Afghan Express service running on 5 April.

Over the Easter period, including ANZAC Day, we had 12 services running with the majority of them Pichi Richi Explorer services as well as one Coffee Pot Heritage Rail Experience.

ANZAC Day is a significant day of remembrance for many and we ensured the Pichi Richi Explorer train looked the part.



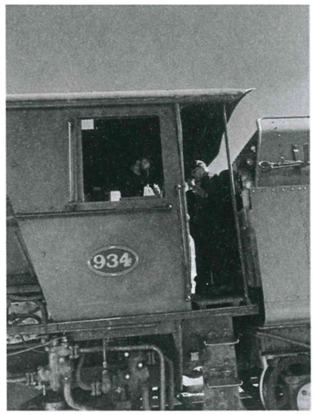


Congratulations to these members who have completed recent assessments: Arnold as Guard, Andrew T as a Steam train driver.

Thanks to our amazing train drivers, Richard, Rob, Dion, Andrew and Neil who keep us ON TRACK!!

Running 12 services over the Easter period means a huge effort by our wonderful volunteers.

It was great to see the services were busy with many passengers enjoying the magnificent scenery of the Flinders Ranges as well as seeing steam trains in operation.





Timetable & tickets

Considering Volunteering?
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COFFEE POT CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

20 Years Ago

May 2005

Pichi Richi Railway celebrated its 100th anniversary of the Coffee Pot, Anzac weekend in Quorn.

Former deputy Prime Minister, Tim Fischer who is the patron of the Pichi Richi Railway, visited Quorn to launch the anniversary.

Mr Fischer thanked the many volunteers who work hard to maintain Quorn's main Tourist attraction. Bob Stace, former Principal of Quorn Area School and his wife Pam returned to help out for the weekend.

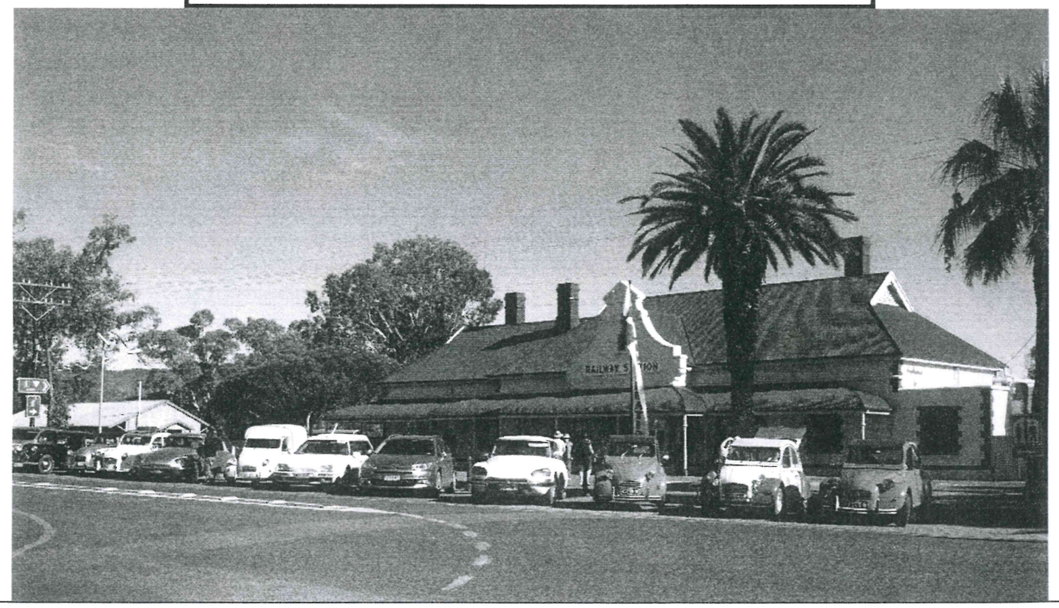
The Coffee Pot travelled to the Old Willows Brewery with many official guests including, SA Tourism Commission chief executive Bill Spurr, Lyn Breur MP, Port Augusta Mayor Joy Baluch and Flinders Ranges Council Mayor, Max McHugh

During the weekend approximately 600 visitors toured through the Pichi Richi Railways locomotive workshops and travelled on available trips.

10 Years Ago

May 2015

CITROEN CAR CLUB VISIT



Having arrived back in Melbourne after our Flinders Ranges tour, and now reading the Quorn Mercury I picked up from the Quorn Post Office, I thought I should send you a short note to say how much the Citroen enthusiasts from all around the country enjoyed their stay in your lovely town recently. The historic station, buildings, shops and galleries are marvellous and we will surely visit again sometime. Your hospitality and excellent cafes are equally worthy of a mention. Well done Quorn. Tom Grucza, Vice President, Citroen Car Club of Victoria.

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Editor Dave Wingrove

Quorn Men's Shed

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY APRIL for the Men's Shed and a lot has been accomplished.

We have been busy cleaning and clearing out the shed to make the work area safe for everyone. There is still a lot to be done but we are making progress. Won't be long now ladies!

Progress is being made on getting all the necessary paperwork to allow women to use our workshop.

We have completed a few projects for individuals and a local business and we have now got all the material to build the cover over our garden area. Work will start on this in the cooler months.

Ian Carpenter ■

Shed breakfast

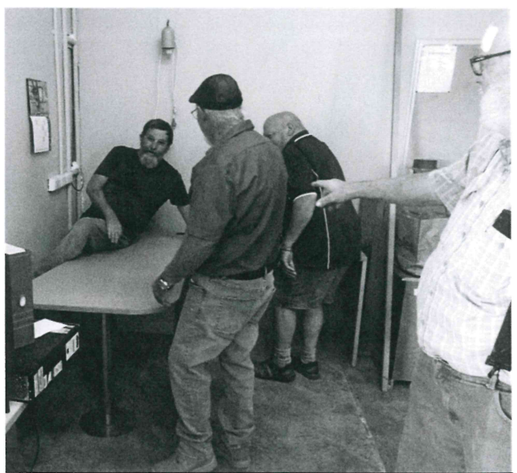
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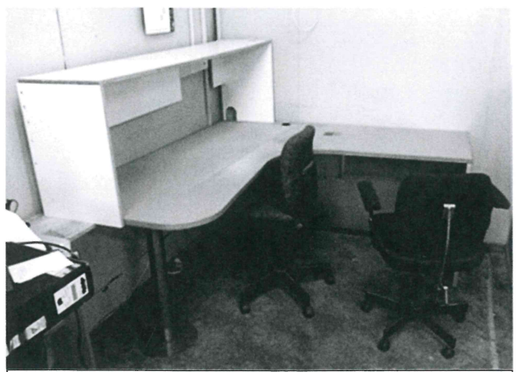
Petrie found, safe and sound



I HEARD THIS SQUAWK, and looking up on the lathe shelf saw Petrie. I asked Ian to have a look and he said: that bird's been missing and was listed on Quorn Out and About. He was very thirsty and enjoyed a good drink ■

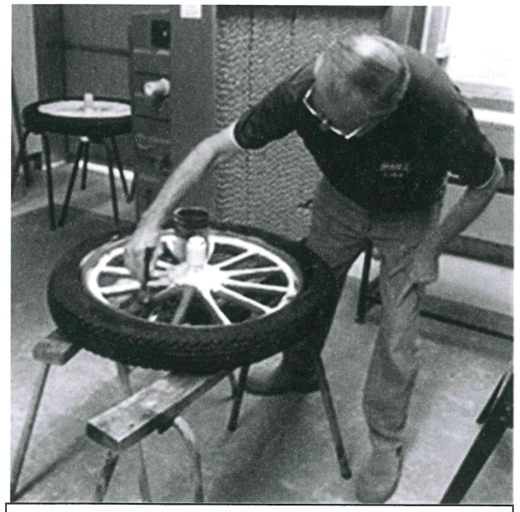


Andrew, Jim, Terry and Ian setting up computer station for Dave

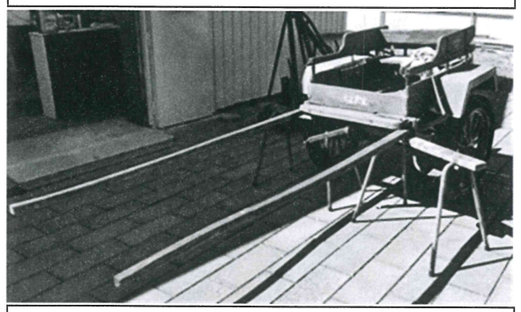


Computer station ready for installation of monitor & computer. Thank you to Crystal Brook Men's Shed for the donated benches.

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Lothar painting jinker wheel

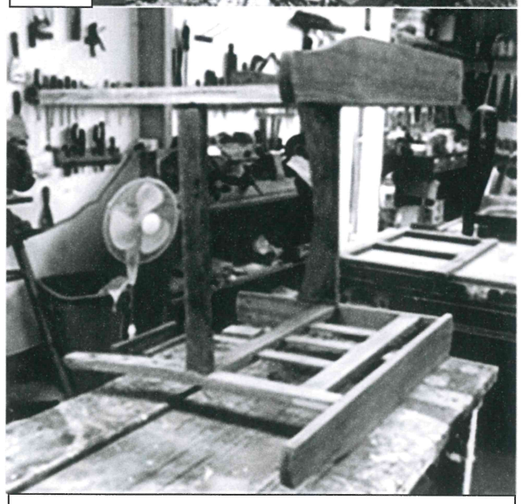


Jinker ready to have the shaves painted before going to Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society.

Right:

Ian, Lothar, Andrew and Paul putting wheel on jinker watched by Lyall





Modris has been making good headway with the Morris chair restoration.

Shed Funnies

AS A BAGPIPER, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the back country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight.

There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost ... it's a man thing. ■

Australian Men's Shed Association

AMSA Registration No. AMSA100844

Shoulder to Shoulder

Patron: Dr. Tony Lian-Lloyd B.M.B.S. Dip. R.A.C.O.G. F.A.C.R.R.M

Chat with a Quornie Daniel Kwaterski (Turk)



My story with the black dog is a long and complicated one.

I grew up in Quorn, I was an only child and I attended Quorn Area School until I was 14. I had a great group of mates who I'm still very close to this day. Keeping active in sport was huge for us at an early age, so huge that almost every day after school there would be at least 3 mates playing backyard cricket at my parents' house from the age of 10 onwards.

After years of watching my parents argue and at the age of 11 my Mum and Dad separated, which was pretty tough on me, but also common back in those days. In the dealing of it, separations and divorces affected a few other close mates who were also going through the thick of it. Through dealing with that calamity, I had one particular teacher at School, Marg Hancock who set up a group after school for us kids that were dealing with their split parents. The 3 mates who I attended these group sessions with started a brotherhood, and that brotherhood still stands to this day. Along with my family, they've been paramount in helping me get through all my adversities that I was about to encounter in life.

This group that Mrs Hancock started after School sticks out to me and I will forever cherish this. After having a huge fear of thunder from an early age, seeing my parents' split condensed my anxiety issues even more. And I'm not blaming my parents for my mental health, in the end, ultimately it made me stronger.

When I turned 15, I moved to Warramboo on the Eyre Peninsula to live with my father to learn a few tricks off of him, to be a better worker, to be a man. I enjoyed my time over there and met some great people, it was such a rural area and bloody tough being so far away from what I knew and the people I grew up with. I loved playing footy for Central Eyre, and playing cricket for Warramboo. Everyone was unbelievably laid back on the EP, the best nicknames you'll ever hear. Sadly, things didn't work out for me there and I wanted to return home to Mum at Quorn

I rang Mum towards the end of 2007 and asked if I could come back to Quorn to live, but at the time Mum was on long service leave on a big holiday. I was fortunate enough that she opted to send me to Rostrevor College for a couple of years which was great for Footy,



Mum and I on my Graduation Day Rostrevor College

Cricket and Beer Drinking.

Fast forward to 2012 I was nearly coming up to the end of my Painting apprenticeship back in Quorn. Outside of everything my life was going swell! Sport was going well, had some great mates and my social life was busy, but internally I was a complete mess. I faced the biggest challenge of my life yet to this day for the next couple of years. I always had anxiety issues but after struggling with an internal chemical imbalance my mental health worsened into depression. Obviously, no one knew about this, as a man I had to be silent, I was paralysed by the suffocating fear of being judged, the fear of losing everything, even if that meant the expense of my health and well-being. On the outside I was this happy-go lad who loved the party life, but really it was all masked by alcohol. It was the best kept secret, until shortly after a boozy footy trip, I had to tell someone about it, not even the beers could mask it anymore.

If it wasn't for this person I wouldn't be standing here right now, I never acted on suicide but the thoughts were definitely present. So, present that after 6 sessions with my Psychologist I had to get him to admit me to the Port Augusta Hospital, in fear of what I was about to do to myself. When I was there, I was visited by my dear cousin Sophie and one of my best mates Fraser Hoare (from the Hancock group), to let me know that I'll always be loved. Now it was no longer a secret and I was somewhat embarrassed. But over time I became comfortable with people knowing how much I struggled, to hopefully help anyone else that was or had been struggling with the Black Dog. I was now mining for the next 10 years, and in that environment, I met so many people in my last 6 years there as a Supervisor that had heartbreaking stories of those that had struggled from personal grief and mental health.

Years later down the track in June 2020 I lost a first cousin to suicide, this was the start of many heartbreaking family misfortunes that I was about to experience and deal with. My demons resurfaced as this was something I grappled with years earlier. 17 days later, I lost my grandpa who was 98, a legend of the Eyre Peninsula. Whilst dealing with the funeral it was very obvious my Dad was unwell. A month later he was diagnosed with Stage IV Bowel Cancer. Whilst trying to comprehend all this my partner, at the time was in the late stages of pregnancy with our daughter who was born in September.

Dad spent the next 18 months going from hospital to hospital with treatment, a stint in Glenside and major surgery in Sydney. Thankfully my Mother and Aunty Tess covered me for that trip as I'd ran out of personal leave by then assisting Dad. He was finally cancer free in May 2021, but even now has complications from the treatment. I dealt with this while trying to be a good father to my beautiful daughter Mia.



Dad(Earl), Grandpa (Klem) and myself at Wudinna

Just as I thought things were getting better for me that year, I was suffering my own physical battles, at the end of 2020 I had some shocking pain in my back and chest, doctors for the first 6 months just said it was my anxiety, but it was misdiagnosed for pneumothorax in my left lung, which paralysed and stopped me from running, which I had really started getting into. In November 2021 I underwent major lung surgery to get it fixed. It propped me up for the next 3 months, I couldn't do much. 8 months after this surgery I ran my first ever marathon by myself on the Copper Coast.

Just as I thought things couldn't get much worse, 2022 wasn't much better, working away in the mines put significant strain on the relationship with the mother of my child. After moving into the house, we had just finished building together, we split up just as Mia turned two.



Mia and I at our home in Wallaroo

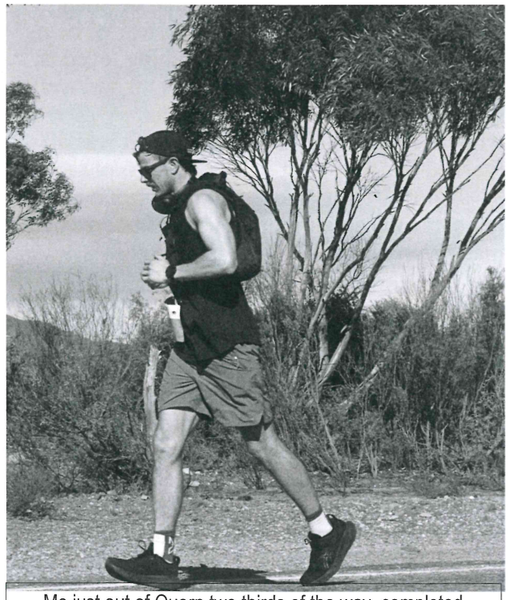
I was nearly rock-bottom by now again depressed and overwhelmed; I became so lonely that I became desperate, I searched for any source of connection to the point where it contradicted my own core values. But then something within motivated me, I continued running every day which helped me get through all the pain I endured.

Running for me is therapeutic, it meditates me and soothes whatever I might be fighting inside my head. I found an inner peace. This acted as an anti-depressant for me and I became addicted. Running substituted the medication that I took myself off 2 years earlier to rid the head noise. Looking at my Uncle Tim complete a 100km ultra in the Blue Mountains now motivated me even more, I now craved it. It helps me keep that Black Dog at barking distance.

2023 started off with a bang, I was now running 5 - 10 km most days and slip in the odd half marathon by myself. These runs started getting bigger and bigger. While I was on my rostered time off while Mia was in Child Care. Mid-January it was when I decided to put it out there that I was going to complete a 100km run incorporated with the Pichi Richi Marathon to fundraise for Mental Health. With the help of a mate I previously lived and work with Shaun Day he put forward Matt Runnalls name from Mindfull Aus. I'm so glad I chose Matt's organisation.

I was given a 16-week running and strength program from my Uncle Tim, the training proved to be brutal. Working 14-hour shifts in the mines and running as far as 15km after knocking off. The night shift runs were the worst. The training included a total of 12 half marathons, 5 full marathons and 2 ultra-marathons, the largest being 60km. These runs were completed by myself. No-one really had the time to join me except for my then two-year old Mia, watching me run on the treadmill at home. I enjoyed running mostly in the mountains, it was so peaceful. Dutchmen's stern, Devils Peak, Mt Brown and Mt Remarkable just to name a few.

Halfway through my 60km run, I received more unwanted news that my Mum developed stage 3 breast cancer, déjà vu hey. She told me to keep up the training, with the help of our great family "I'll beat this easily, let's just be



Me just out of Quorn two thirds of the way completed of my 100 Km goal

positive" she said, and she did eventually beat it later that year.

The 100 km fundraiser on the 25th of June 2023couldn't have gone better. Raising a total of $20 000 for Mental Health, I was incredibly proud, we did it. I say "we", because I wouldn't have been able to do it with my incredible family, my incredible friends that were there for me at my very lowest. Jack Symes who helped organise the event, Richard Paynter and Kurtice Roeby in the support car

(and yes friends that were in the Hancock Brotherhood.) adults and kids that ran with me throughout the day, and My Uncle Tim for the crazy training program, and my incredibly brave Mum.

The emotional high was no better feeling than running into a crowd with the kids at the front of



My extended family wearing matching T Shirts that my Aunty Minnie tie dyed for the day of the Marathon.

the trans, followed by a few cold beers at the end of it barely being able to walk.

I soaked up this awesome feeling for the following couple of weeks. But that was short lived after we lost our youngest cousin on Mum's side tragically in a car accident on her way to work. She was only 18 and our youngest cousin, more adversity for my family again.

There hasn't been an easy-going year for quite some time now. As brutal as it is that's just life. I don't think life is meant to be easy even last year I've done my ACL playing footy which impacted nearly everything I did for the next couple of months. I couldn't run so there was the head noise, we ride the punches and that's why it's important to be there for each other.

Mental Health conditions are insidious, whether it's an internal chemical imbalance like I had back in 2012 flowing on for a couple years or whether you have external adversities that just keep coming your way. Ultimately, it's up to us now in this generation to make change and break the stigma, and I think over the years it has improved.

I do not tell share my story seeking sympathy at all here. There are people out there that have had it much worse in this world than I have, after all we live in one of the best countries on this earth and it's important to practice gratitude.

This is just a story to assist others in putting their hand up and saying I'm not okay. Suffering in silence no longer serves our narrative, it's time for change, and I truly believe that Australia is getting better at speaking up. As the great Danny Frawley said "Manning up in the past was to suffer in silence, now manning up is to put your hand up."

Shortly after 2012 it was no secret to my family and peers that I was in a bad way. I became passionate about trying to help others over the next 12 years, I wasn't fixed nor will I ever be fixed. I'm on a mental health journey that I will have to live with for the rest of my life, and I'm comfortable with that.

The black dog has run rampant amongst my family and friends, we've lost some loved ones, we have lost some battles, but I can assure you we haven't lost the war in keeping that black dog at barking distance. To anyone out there that has or is supporting a loved one with a Mental Health condition I'd like to thank you, it can be an unrewarding and unrecognized task sometimes. You'll get it wrong sometimes, I know I have and that's ok. Keep showing up, that's the beauty of life, we live and we learn. I can't underestimate the importance of what I'm about to say to everyone. Don't underestimate the hole your absence would leave, we've all got something to offer to this world.

I'd just like to acknowledge the people that motivated me along the way. Danny Frawley, long live you Spud, you've saved countless lives, Wayne Schwass in his incredibly raw and powerful speeches, Matt Runnalls and his team at Mindful Aus, Ned Brockmen, my Uncle Tim, my great friends and family and of course Mum and Dad.

Last year I resigned from the mining industry and received a redundancy package and took a good long break before getting back into employment recently. I am currently working at Elders based in Port Augusta. I am now living back in Quorn and in the process of buying my house here.

My body may have indicated my football playing days are over but my mind tells me and I can still be part of the game, so I now coach the BMW B Grade team.■.

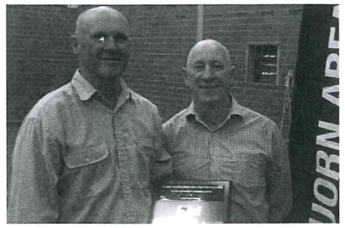
I have been the Member for Giles since 2014 and was appointed Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development in 2018.

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

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

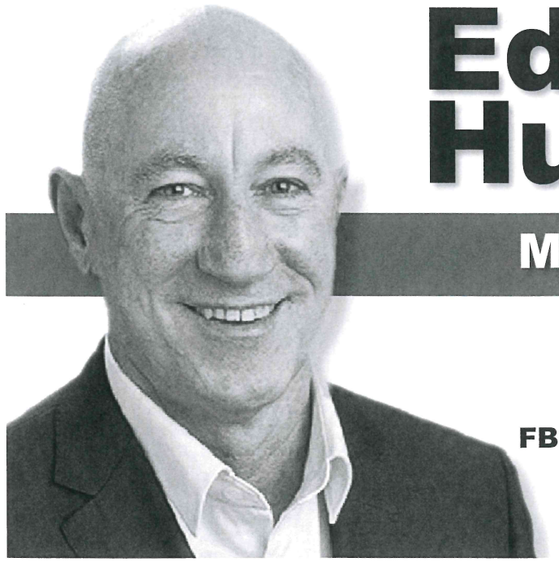






My office can help you with

- Community or individual advocacy, engagement and consultation
- Provide advice and assistance on State Government matters relating to the Giles electorate and Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Refer you to the appropriate service provider or Government agency if we cannot provide the service
- Assist community organisations and sporting clubs with grant applications
- Provide advice on possible funding sources for community projects
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SA Arid Lands Landscape Board News

PORT AUGUSTA-QUORN LANDSCAPE GROUP

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board (SAAL) supports seven Landscape Groups across the region to ensure it remains connected with community and local landscape issues. The Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group Quorn-based members are Richie Paynter, Renata Hackett, and Pauline Zanet. The group meets every two months with the next meeting to be held in Port Augusta on Friday 30 May.

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



At the recent group meeting were, from left (rear) Rebecca Buono, Jeff Bowey

(front) Richie Paynter, Chair Renata Hackett, and Pauline Zanet.

LANDSCAPE GROUP VACANCY

Applications are open to fill a vacancy on the Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group.

Members are actively engaged with the delivery of local projects and in developing District Action Plans that guide the work of each group and achieve outcomes in-line with the board's strategic plan. They are also the voice of the community in the management of the district's natural resources.

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

To find out more speak to Brett Devitt and visit our website at www.landscape.sa.gov.au/SAAL

FREE REGENERATIVE GRAZING WORKSHOP

This workshop at Pine Grove Station, via Cradock, will feature Alejandro Carrillo from Mexico's Chihuahuan Desert, and Australian farmer Colin Seis, who developed the Pasture Cropping method. Through presentations and paddock walks, you'll hear their experiences and practical lessons that come from decades of innovative land management. The event on Monday 26 May runs from 10am - 2.30pm, with lunch provided. Register through our website or call Jade Leyden on 0438 990 399 Jade.Leyden@sa.gov.au

GRASSROOTS GRANTS CLOSING SOON

Grants to help fund landscape projects undertaken by volunteers, community groups, not-for-profit organisations and landholders are currently available. The funding is provided by your annual Landscape Levy.

Projects must address one or more of the board's priority issues of climate resilience, water management, sustainable land management, protecting and enhancing biodiversity and people and partnerships. Community Landscape Officers are available to assist in developing your idea into a project and assist with your application. Please get in touch today. Closes Monday 14 May. ■





Rev Arthur Tanner presenting his Anzac Day Message



Quorn Area School Student Ashleigh Scott reading for the service



Quorn Area School Student Brendan Bothwell Redaing for the Anzac Service

Out and About in Quorn



The Flag raising, by the family of the late Terry McManus



Above: there was a large attendance at the Anzac Day Memorial service

Five Generations

PAT WRIGHT AND KATH BAKER were introduced to their great grand-daughter Lucy Mae Baker over the Easter weekend. Lucy is the daughter of Kade Baker and Caitlyn



Above: From left Michelle Baker, Kade Baker, Jenny Crisp
Centre: Pat Wright holding Lucy Mae Baker.

Below: from left
Kade Baker, Gary Baker, Keith Baker, Front: Kath Baker holding Lucy Mae Baker.





A Happy Easter

A BIG THANK YOU to Flinders House for their surprise Easter gift to their residents, and thank you to the Hospital Auxiliary Ladies, Diversional Therapy and Melanie.

The residents are never forgotten even if they themselves do not remember much at all.

At Christmas and Birthdays and special occasions, there is always a great effort put in to remember our senior citizens

Thank you, Modris and Sandra. ■

Quorn Courthouse Historical Collection



at QUORN OVAL 1941



QUORN 9th LIGHT HORSE back from left 1 JWC sgt 2 unknown 3 W HINTON 4B RAGLESS ltn
front A KELLY B FRANCIS

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Above, Thursday April 24, Red Hat ladies enjoying lunch at the Transcontinental Hotel Quorn. They meet for lunch each month usually at different venues for fellowship and fun. On the fourth Thursday of the month. Next month, the will gather at Tickle Belly Hill for lunch

Blinman's Roadside Services area is open

BLINMAN'S ROADSIDE SERVICES AREA is open for use!

The Blinman Progress Association (BPA) is very proud to announce that its Blinman Roadside Services precinct is open for use. Beginning in late 2022 and with funding from the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3, and many local volunteer hours, the project brings essential roadside services such as a waste station and caravan dump point to the site two kilometers south of Blinman on Mine Road. Signage and landscaping were also part of the project. A potable water dispenser unit will complete the trio of services in the near future.

Blinman has seen increased visitation over recent years with improved road access, and attractions such as the popular Blinman Underground Mine Tours, leading to the pressing need for increased services for visitors.

The new area is an attractive, low maintenance, solar-powered sustainable facility with services for the use of the local population and visitors, encouraging people to visit and stay in the town. It is a community asset managed by the BPA and will help to grow the town of Blinman's reputation as a sustainable and vibrant community where tourists are very welcome.

The project has come to fruition through a collaboration with the project's working group made up of volunteer BPA members, the BPA Executive Committee, and key agencies such as OCA, DIT, Health SA, SA Water, and the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia. The BPA also greatly appreciated help with site construction and clean up, from a hard working team of volunteers from the Toyota Land Cruiser Club of SA.

The BPA thanks everyone for their involvement and support over the duration of this project, and they hope the new Roadside Services precinct will be a popular and useful addition to tourist services in the Blinman area for years to come. ■



Library NEWS

Libraries SA

OPENING HOURS

Tuesday	10am-5:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am-5:30pm
Thursday/Friday	1pm-5:30pm
Closed :	Sat/Sun/Mon



Phone Number
86486705

Quorn School Community Library Group

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

New Releases

East Blue -One Piece Volume 2 — Eiichiro Oda (Graphic Novel)



Luffy continues his quest to become King of the Pirates by recruiting new crew members and battling dangerous foes on the high seas.

Malala—My story of Standing up for Girls' Rights — Malala Yousafzai (Junior Non-fiction)



Malala shares her inspiring story of fighting for girls' education in Pakistan and standing up against injustice, even after surviving a life-threatening attack.

We all live here — Jojo Moyes (Adult Fiction)



In a small community shaken by tragedy, neighbors must confront their past and find a way to heal and reconnect.

Three Days in June — Anne Tyler (Adult Fiction)



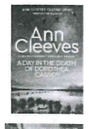
Over the course of a few days, a woman reflects on her long marriage, family, and the quiet shifts in life that shape who we become.

The Healing Season of Pottery — Somin, Yeon (Adult Fiction)



A woman finds emotional healing and personal growth through the art of pottery after experiencing heartbreak and loss.

A Day in the Death of Dorothea Cassidy — Anne Cleeves (Adult Fiction)



The death of the beloved Dorothea Cassidy shocks a peaceful town, prompting an investigation that reveals hidden secrets and long-held grudges.

Would You Rather — Maggie Alderson (Adult Fiction)

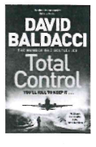


A woman is forced to make life-changing choices when she returns home to care for her sick mother and reevaluates what she truly wants.

Total Control — David Baldacci, (Adult Fiction)

A brilliant woman gets caught in a deadly conspiracy after her husband disappears in a plane crash, uncovering secrets that threaten her life.

The Auschwitz Detective — Jonathon Dunsky (Adult Fiction)



A Jewish prisoner and former police detective is forced to solve a murder inside Auschwitz, uncovering secrets that threaten both Nazis and fellow inmates in a desperate bid for survival.

Library NEWS

Libraries SA



Story Times

Wednesdays
30th April
14th May
28th May
Starts
10.00am





Live & Local

Grab a friend and dive into an unforgettable experience as incredible authors share their stories *live*—streamed straight into the Quorn Library! Don't miss this chance to be inspired, entertained, and totally immersed in the magic of storytelling. The Sydney Writers' Festival Live & Local program offers a free livestream of Festival sessions to libraries and community centers across regional Australia to share directly with their audiences.

Friday 23rd May 2025 9:30 am to 10:30 am.







Join the Moriarty sisters, Jaclyn, Liane and Nicola, as they discuss their career beginnings, different publishing paths and many successes with writer and broadcaster Sarah Macdonald.

Friday 23rd May 2025 11:30 am to 12:30 pm



Hear iconic Australian writer Helen Garner's reflections on football and the cycles of life in The Season, her first full-length book in a decade. In conversation with David Leser.

Sunday 25th May 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Jeff Kinney is a #1 New York Times–bestselling author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series and the Awesome Friendly Kid series. Join Diary of a Wimpy Kid author Jeff Kinney for wild on-stage antics. Celebrate the latest Wimpy Kid book while satisfying your craving for family fun! Recommended for children aged 7 to 12 (and parents!)



Please register your interest at the Library

LIBRARIES SA one card

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Flinders House



We have celebrated the birthdays of Shirley Hughes (above) and Pat Wright (below) in April.



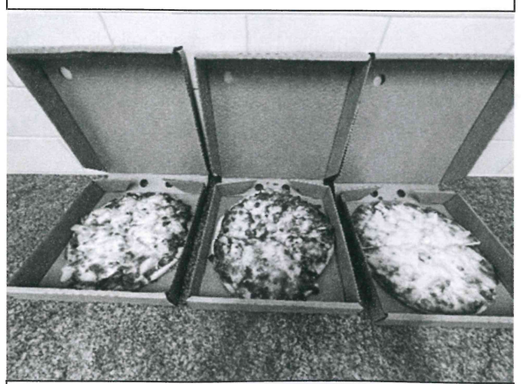
FLINDERS HOUSE RESIDENTS have been very busy making cupcakes and pizzas.



(L-R) Doug Paynter, Maureen Paynter, Pat McCourt, Kerry Ellis & Marlene Wright making cupcakes.



Ray Thomas creates his masterpiece pizza.



Ready for delivery for lunch.

Flinders House has a new patio area at the southern end of the building with the new lawns established, the native garden planted and a beautiful, refurbished table.

The newly erected shelter is now complete. This will be a great open space to bring the kids to run around safely while you visit your family member. Bring a picnic lunch and utilise this beautiful space.





Pictured at left and below are Trevor, Leveena, Beryl, Pat, Trevor, Ray, Paula EN (standing), Kerry, Barry, Meg, Marlene, and Marjorie. (far L) our volunteer Yvonne.



National Beer Day was on the 7th of April, so in good Flinders House style we celebrated our Happy Hour with a selection of four different zero beers.

Accompanied with the cheese platters to nibble on while we chatted the afternoon away.



Marj Fitzgerald and Marlene Wright sample a Great Northern Beer.

On our first adventure for the month, we went to the Arid Lands / Redbank's Lookout for morning tea. Eleven residents enjoyed the fresh air and sunshine on a lovely Autumn Day when we went over to the Quorn Bush Garden for a picnic lunch. We packed sandwiches, quiches and sausage rolls and then had a lovely Hummingbird Slice for sweets.

We then ventured onto the Curdnatta Art Gallery in the Railway Station and had a look at their wares. We had a drive around town and stopped off at KFC for some lunch before heading for home. ■

QUORN
Business Group

Interested in being part of the Quorn Business Group?

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

Members have access to these great benefits:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Country Health Connect Quorn Update

May 2025

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

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

To Access these services

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

Quorn March 2025 Service Report:				
New referrals received	Number of in person services	Number of phone services	Number of telehealth / video conferencing services	Number of "consumer not attended" services
43	256	25	0	6

Allied Health Professionals May 2025 Visiting Schedule				
6th & 7th May	**13th May**	**15th May**	**22nd May**	**29th May**
Occupational Therapists	Podiatry	Diabetes Nurse Educator Dietitian	Physio	Diabetes Nurse Educator Dietitian Podiatry

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

COUNTRY HEALTH CONNECT

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

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SA Health

Do you need support with meals as you grow older?

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

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

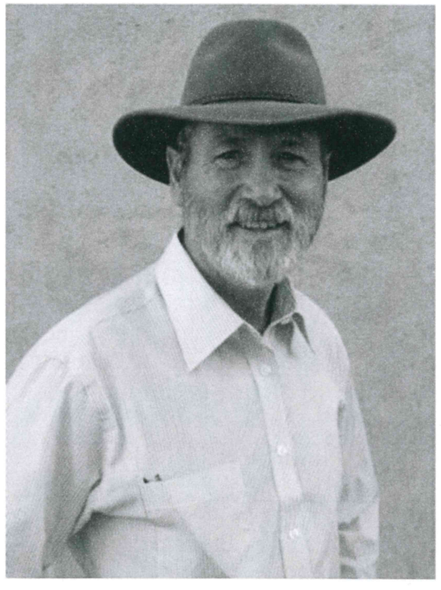
For those on a Commonwealth Home Support Program or a Home Care Package, meals can be subsidised in conjunction with your aged care provider.

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

For any enquiries, please contact your aged care provider or

Bungala Food Service on 8643 5500

Bungala
FOOD SERVICE



REPRESENTING THE
QUORN COMMUNITY

Rowan Ramsey MP

Federal Member for Grey

My office can help with Federal issues including. Centrelink, Immigration, Communications, Veterans Affairs and many others

Please contact Rowan's office 1300 301 742 or 8633 1744
Email: rowan.ramsey.mp@aph.gov.au
PO Box 296 PORT PIRIE SA 5540



Classified Adverts

THE QUORN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB Inc

At our general meeting on 4 June our guest speaker is Jenny Adams who is a support specialist from Dementia Australia.

If any person from the community is interested and would like to hear her speak they are welcome to come at 10.45am to listen.

There will be time for questions after her talk.

Mary Francis (Secretary)

Rainfall 2025

Jan	3.4mm
Feb	1.6mm
March	6.4mm
April	1.8mm
YTD	13.2mm

Fundraiser for childhood cancer

Lions Club Sausage Sizzle
Saturday June 7th 2025
In front of IGA 10.00- 2.00

Please support this worthy cause

Quorn Op Shop

The Op Shop is receiving donations.

The only time goods are not accepted is when a $5 bag sale is being held, or when the store room is overstocked.

Carlene Voigt

WANTED

Your photos

Send in your photos of special events and places for publishing in your local paper .

Your photos can be for colour pages, information on sporting and social events, anniversaries, historical, club events, and other material.

Thank you

mercury@quornmercury.gov.au

May 2025

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist
Diabetes Education
Dietitian
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Pathologist
Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706

✝ May 2025

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

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

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

Uniting Church
Sunday Services 10am

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Guidelines for Submissions:

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

Contacts

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

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Quorn Hawker Cradock Events May 2025

Regular Events

Quorn

Story Time 10am Wednesdays at the Quorn Library

Women's Fellowship
3rd Wednesdays
see Facebook *Quorn Out and About* for details.

Quorn Men's Shed Thursdays

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

Probus
1st Tuesday of the month 10am

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

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

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

Hawker

Fellowship –4th Wednesday
Uniting Church Hall

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

Quilting and Handicraft Group
Alternate Wednesdays
Uniting Church Hall

Friendship Group 3rd Thursday
12pm Venue TBA

QUOTE OF THE MONTH
Life is all about creating your own backdrop

Clinton Knop

Events

Tickel Belly Hill
Wine Tasting – Spook Hill Wines from 11am on 4 May
Sip & Paint on 24 May - fun, relaxing afternoon with Georgia & team painting your very own acrylic artwork tickets, go to Tickle Belly Hill see Facebook site for QR code

Hawker Rodeos & Riders Exhibition
21st April to 15th June
2.00pm to 4.30pm daily Hawker Institute Elder Terrace

A Night Under the Stars
Saturday 24 May Quorn Arts Precinct
A free event with speakers, live music, food, drinks, other refreshments and access to drought support services and information.
BYO chair and alcohol

Hawker Races
Saturday 31st May, Cup Calcutta, Racing from 1pm, Bookmakers, Full Bar & Catering, Shuttle Bus Available (within the town), Kids Entertainment, Fashions of the field.

Sprit of the Flinders Makers Centre
3 May from 10.00am
Intro to Pastel art workshop, Living Legends Series Life Drawings
For booking details 86486042

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

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

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

Regular Events

Quorn

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chair Yoga
Tuesdays 10.00am
St Matthews Hall

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

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

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

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



The many attendees of the Anzac Day Service stand for the National anthems of New Zealand and Australia



Flag Raising at the Anzac Day Service



FRC CEO Sean Holden Introduces Speakers



Wire Sculptures at the Memorial