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THE QUORN HEALTH SERVICES HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nominations are hereby called to fill 2 (two) vacancies on the Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council at its Annual General Meeting on 26 November 2019. The current incumbents are eligible for renomination.

Nominations must be in writing, signed by two residents of the community and the nominee. The nominee must also be a resident of the community represented by the Health Advisory Council.

The AGM will be held at 7.30pm in the Board Room at the Quorn Health Services.

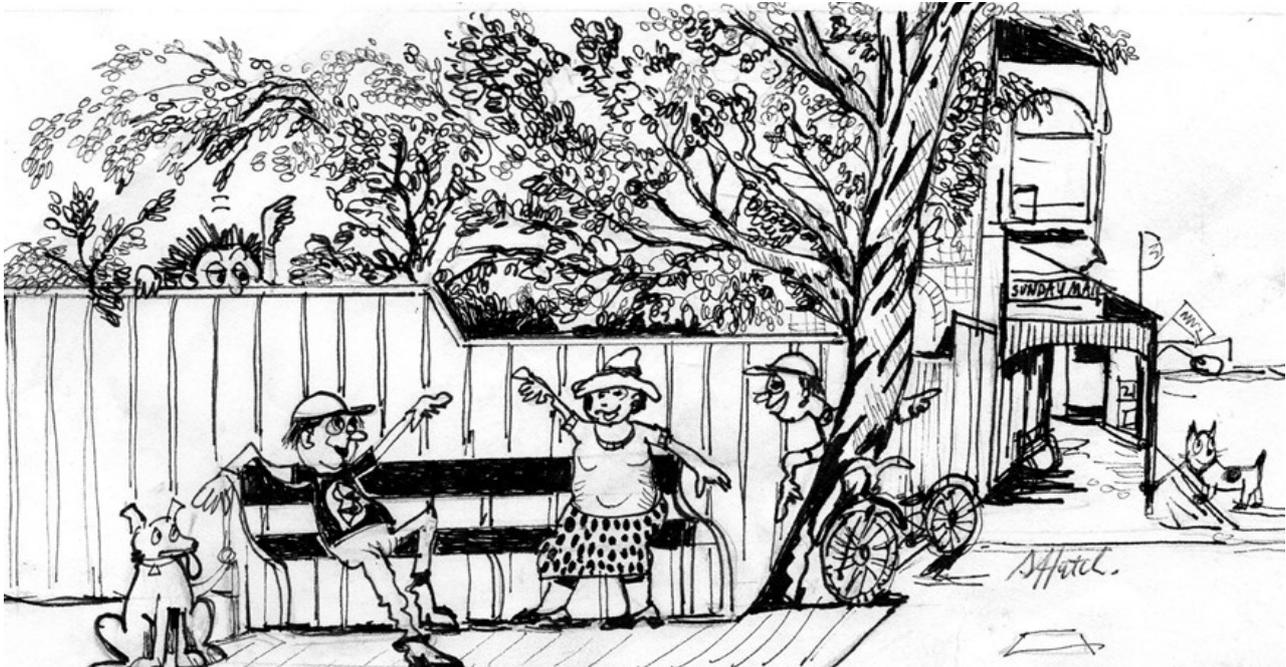
Voting shall take place if more than the required number of nominees has been received.

Nomination forms are available from the Quorn Health Services and must be received by the Returning Officer prior to 5.00pm on 22 November 2019.

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Chat with a Quornie

Modris Ozolins



I WAS NAMED Modris Henryk Ozolins. My middle name was spelt the Polish way, after my uncle. It was probably changed to *Heinrich* when my mother registered me at the German Registrar after World War 2.

Irmgard, my Mother, was from Berlin. She'd been brought up by her grandmother, and later by an aunt.

After the war, with the occupation of East Berlin by the Russians, any surviving soldiers fled to the west to be interned by the British in a Displaced Persons camp.

All the Latvians were interned in a Latvian camp. Mum and Dad (Arnold), from Riga, Latvia, met there. I was born in the township of Oesterode, during the shifting of internees south through Europe.

They were always hungry. A dead horse in a field was a meal for a group of stateless people. Mum and Dad ate rats in Berlin.

After two years drifting south, Mum and Dad and I, departed Naples in 1949 on the migrant ship *Fairsea* for Australia.

Dad said he'd never heard of the place before their sponsors, the International Refugee Organisation told them of their new home-to-be. But they had to speak English before they were considered for selection.

We originally went to Bonegilla Refugee Camp near Wodonga, Vic, and from there to St Kilda Camp. They lived in a one-roomed shed,

a little bigger than the double bed, that would be folded up during the day. Mum cooked on a Primus stove with the luxury of a Namco pressure cooker.

Before he could find his own job, Dad had to do two years work for the Government.

Both Mum and Dad worked for Electrolux. One did day shift, while the other did the night shift.



Mod (Modris) in lederhosen, St Kilda early 1950s

SA Move

Before long we left for Adelaide, where Uncle Henryk and my aunt lived in Croydon, near Irish Harp Road. (Later Rakes Rd and now Regency Rd).

We had a shed at the rear of their property, with a bucket toilet, sectioned off in the corner.

While Mum worked at the Pope factory, winding washing machine motors, Dad, who was a mechanic, got work at Harold Wright Skoda. There was always someone at home to look after me.

Pipes from the sewerage works irrigated the paddock across the road for horse and cattle fodder. Loaded wagons were stacked high with the lush green grass, that was distributed to the many horse stables in Adelaide.

I went to Ferryden Park Pre-School, and then shifted to Elizabeth St, Thebarton, and to Thebarton Primary School.

By this time, Mum and Dad had saved enough money to buy a home in Clarke St Norwood, where Mum, aged 90, still lives.

Amazingly, the Savings Bank of SA (State Bank) offered a double mortgage, to be repaid monthly, in cash.

To help pay for the house, we took in boarders. Mum did the cooking and cleaning. Dad moved on to Brewster Jones Trucks, who handled ex-army vehicles, brought down from Darwin, on the old, dirt Stuart Highway.

Schooldays

I usually walked to school—the norm in those days, but sometimes ‘borrowed’ my uncle’s 27 inch Super Elliot bike, with three-speed Sturmey Archer hub. I pedalled it through the bars, as I was too small to sit on the seat.

When I was in grade 5 at Rose Park Primary School, an incident occurred, that I recall—bank robbers shot up a bank nearby. My Headmaster, Ernest Priest, in a hospital bed, appeared in a photograph in *The Advertiser*. It was titled ‘Kensington Road holdup’.

On my way to school each day, I’d pick mulberry leaves from a giant tree that grew in one of the Norwood laneway backyards. The silkworms were for the class silkworm farm. They spun dozens of cocoons that the teacher used to spin silk.

I played rugby and baseball. But was converted to Aussie Rules footy, when Mr Priest, the Headmaster, took many of us boys under his wing. He guided us in the finer points of the game.

He was a Returned man, strict disciplinarian, but fair. You did as you were told, or got left out of the side.

Our footy training was in the middle of Victoria Park Racecourse, dodging cowpats left by the grazing milking cows.

My brother was born 13 years after me, so didn’t figure much during my teenage years.

In my first year at Norwood High, the main buildings hadn’t been built. We were in transportable classrooms.

The new school was in the lower Adelaide foothills, below Penfolds famous vineyards, and the new suburb of Skye

Ovals were being established, and the First Year boys had to shift sprinklers twice a day—mud to the knees summer or winter. The tennis courts were already there.

Dad was adamant that I should get an apprenticeship. I finished school, had a job interview in December at Coca Cola, and was offered an electrical apprenticeship in January.

I completed my apprenticeship as an ‘A’ class electrician in 1969.

My parents decided to lease BP Evandale on Portrush Rd. I was an instant motor mechanic.

In our first couple of years in business, we won several awards for best lessees.

Family Life

Sandra and I met at a dance in the Rechabite Hall, King William Street, where *The Twilights* was playing.

We lived at Sandra’s Mum’s at Croydon, but shifted to a house at Salisbury North, just after our first baby, Michelle’s birth.

We jokingly called the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital ‘Sandra’s holiday resort’. Michelle, Sean and Suzanne (Susie) were born there, 18 months apart.

After three years at BP Evandale, Sandra and I decided to go out on our own.

We took up a two-year lease on BP Pinnaroo, with our three youngsters in tow.

In our first year there, I played football for Pinnaroo South (in *Saints* colours). That year we won the Grand Final.

Then we moved out of the Garage, and bought into another mechanical business, which later became a Ford franchise. We sold tractors, farm implements and cars.

Pinnaroo district was in recession at that time, as was the whole country. We folded our Ford business and the partnership, to seek ‘greener’ pastures.

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The Mill

Sandra had spotted an advert for The Mill Motel Quorn. We'd never heard of the place, but it seemed a good idea for our next move.

We sold our '327' Bathurst Monaro, and a Fairlane, to raise the deposit for The Mill. Mum and Dad went guarantor.

We kept the HT ute as our main vehicle, and drove it from Adelaide to Quorn—Michelle and Sean in the tray. Suzanne in the front.

Sometimes we were so busy at The Mill, with buses, tourists and locals all looking for service, that we'd call the kids to help. They were all 'willing' and very capable. And happy with the reward—a ride in the ute.

My interest in tourism was fueled by the four-wheel drive treks that I organized for guests of the motel.

We travelled north to the Simpson Desert, running 4WD, catered tours for limited numbers of customers.

It was exciting, successful, and gave me an insight into the interest that was to take up many years of my later life.

We owned The Mill for 20 years, and when we sold it, moved to *Barrandilkie*, on the Willochra Plain.

For six years Sandra and I commuted to Pt Augusta to run *Ozzie's Coffee Lounge* (pictured). We made all the products we sold, and enjoyed the relative ease of our lives, after the hectic years at The Mill. We quickly sold it on the strength of its trading figures.



The Millennium Fireworks at Quorn Oval, in 2000, gave me the idea of holding my own fireworks party on New Year's Eve, 2001.

I got a pyrotechnician's licence, and taught myself how to organize a continuous display of crackers and fireworks, on the cricket pitch. Our family joined us for a hugely exciting and enjoyable night at the Community Hall.

Sandra worked for 10 years at Flinders House, from 2004 to 2014. I took a job underground at Roxby in 2004.

I was back in the electrical trade again—a complete eye-opener for me.

It was a steep learning curve, as so much had changed over the years I'd been out of it.

I had a technical assistant (TA) working with me. We installed the cabling for the *jumbo brakes*, which supplied the power for the underground drilling. I left Roxby in 2007.

A Quorn friend, John Kennedy, had told me that Diversified was looking for electricians to work in the Jackson Oilfields. One phone call, and I had a new job.

The big effort was to get oil out of the ground. Beam pump installation was the go, as soon as the drill rigs had left the lease. Electricians installed all the electrics and controls for the pumps.

It was a well-paid job, with the bonus of driving round the whole of the Cooper Basin, from one satellite station to another.

I retired from Moomba in 2014.

Volunteering

I'd joined CFS at Pinnaroo in 1975. As I'm still able-bodied and capable of doing normal duties, I've remained an active member.

In 1984, I joined St John Ambulance Corps, when Joy Finlay was teaching Senior First Aid. I completed the course, and though it was interesting, I didn't feel confident that I'd understood it all.

I did another First Aid course, and joined St Johns as an *Ambo* (Ambulance Officer). I've been a member for 35 years.



Ambos Modris and Travis McDonald collect Joshua Murray with broken leg

I'm proud to have been with Flinders Ranges Regional Tourist Association (FRRTA), from its beginning. For 10 years I was its Chairman.

It grew from a \$10000 seed funding, into an effective marketing lobby group for tourism in

the region. But in later years, it fell apart, 'beggared by bureaucracy', but with a turnover of \$500,000.

Its successor, The Regional Tourist Association, quickly became the Flinders Ranges best working group. It promoted tourism at Caravan and Camping shows held in the Australian capital cities.

The Association played a big part in lobbying the Government to change from a three term school year into four terms. We calculated that it was good for tourism. It was introduced Australia-wide in 1987.

The Visitor Guide became the 'Bible' for travellers in the Flinders Ranges. It later extended to include Outback areas.

Influential people supported RTA —Gordon and Pauline Porter, Adam Plate from Oodnadatta's Pink Roadhouse. Reg and Griselda Sprigg at Arkaroola (They'd been involved in SARTA for years), who 'coaxed' me into regional tourism.

We encouraged tourism to supplement rural incomes in lean times, and to 'fill in spaces a sheep's not working'.

It still amazes me that 60,000 Flinders Range Outback guides were trucked annually in

pallets, and 'dripfed' to outlets like the VIC. They were used and loved, because of the up to date information supplied by Gordon and Pauline Porter.

While I was chasing round the region, promoting the idea of a representative association, Sandra kept on working at The Mill—keeping it going, and providing for us.

Life After Work

Life's just as busy now. I'm involved with Pichi Richi Railway, which has a busy program throughout the Season.

Quandongs occupy Sandra and I today. I'm looking for a way to crack the seeds to get the kernels out. Later, if it's fine, we'll walk with Ray, up the Dutchman or Devil's Peak, to check the trail condition, signs and markers.

Susie brought in her computer for attention yesterday. Often it's Sean's. Both families live in Quorn. Michelle and hers are not far away.

Sandra and I have been up at the Flora Reserve lately. We've tidied a 30-40m path, restored and trimmed straggly natives.

If we start early, then we can 'kiss the day goodbye.'



Sandra's 70th birthday (Sandra is front row centre next to Modris)

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Flinders House News

IN OCTOBER WE “travelled” to Canada to experience a Canadian Thanksgiving.

We have also had a couple of bus trips recently. One was to Wilmington to celebrate the 1st birthday of a foal called “Flynn”, named after the Flinders House residents who showed such an interest in his arrival.

Every second month, Orroroo puts on a community lunch with people coming from all different towns to attend. This month, on our way there, we stopped to see if Magnetic Hill was able to pull the bus uphill. It can!

We are all getting ready for the Melbourne Cup, Remembrance Day and then, Christmas. ■



Bus Trip



I can still tie a tie



Getting ready for Coffee Club



Residents enjoy Coffee Club



James Travelling Magic Show entertains with his magic

CWA Mini Show

THE TRADITION OF the South Australian Country Womens Association was proudly on display, The Myall-Flinders CWA Group held a Mini Show at the Quorn Bowls Club rooms on Friday October 25th.

Membership of the CWA has fallen over the years, with only Whyalla Norrie and Air branch active in our region.

Members of the two branches competed with entries in Photography, Cooking, Floriculture and Handicrafts. Points were calculated to decide which branch would keep the winning shields for the coming year.

Lorraine Greenfield introduced convenors who announced the winners in each section. Explanations of judges for their selections, and the presentation of the Shields followed.

Quorn resident, Julian Hipwell, was the guest speaker. He provided an insight into his career in aviation, his experiences as a Flying Doctor pilot, and later in the domestic and international airline companies.

The South Australian CWA is celebrating their 90th Birthday this year, and a large Black Forest cake was ceremoniously cut to celebrate this milestone. The afternoon concluded with a delicious afternoon tea, of the Birthday Cake and tasty morsels contributed by branch members.

The enjoyable afternoon was a nostalgic reminder to Quorn ladies of their own involvement in CWA, in earlier years. ■



The Myall-Flinders Photography Shield
Won by Whyalla Norrie Branch
From left—Myrtle Manley, Myall-Flinders Group President,
Joan Worby, Whyalla Norrie Branch



Myall-Flinders Cooking and Floriculture Shield
Won by Air Branch
From left—Myrtle Manley, Colleen Mitchell, Air Branch



Myall-Flinders Handicraft Shield won by Whyalla Norrie
From left—Joan Worby and Lynette Collins, Whyalla Norrie



Cutting the SACWA 90th Birthday Cake
From left—Evelyn Dyer CWA State Handicraft Officer, Myrtle Manley
All Photography by Jasmine Edwards of Whyalla Norrie



Some of the 55 attendees admiring the handcrafts on display



Jams, baking products and floriculture on display



Votes decided the winning entry of a collection of four related handcrafts



A delicious presentation of home-made afternoon tea



A friendly chat, cuppa and cake



From Left—Kay Freebairn, Julian Hipwell and Lois Litchfield



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100th Show Revisited



From left—Kurtis Roebby, Tom Finlay, Matt Griffiths—Cricket Club



From left—Anne Freebairn, Carolyn Walters, Kay Popp—Lions Club



From left—Jeremy Rigden, Haydn Hancock, Andy Roberts—Golf Club



Graham Ash—History / Memorabilia Display

THIS YEAR'S 100TH Quorn Show is over for another year and at this stage the Show Committee is still gathering to see if it was all worth the time and energy exerted.

I think all the people concerned should be commended for their efforts on the day and during the year—the Show Committee, setup and removal volunteers, various sporting groups—Cricket, Netball, Golf Clubs; Lions and volunteers: judges, MCs and organisers of Horses-in-action, poultry and show hall exhibits.

The small country town community rallied to present another great show. It was affected by the last three years drought, high fuel costs, young people working outside town, shift workers, the changing world of new technology, and a list of many other factors. The show still attracted by a good crowd.

The event staged on the 22nd of September 2019 was truly a success.

Congratulations Quorn Community.

Go Forth and Conquer

Photos and Story presented to the Quorn Community by Pete Dixon

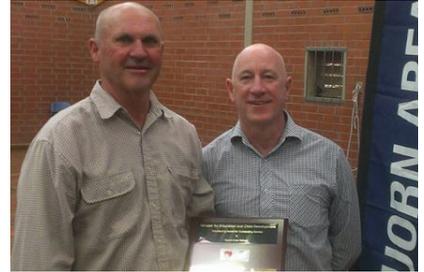


Doug Munn, CFS Volunteer

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.

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Member for Giles



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Quorn Character Ern Woolford

Drawn by Sue Hatch 1991



ERNIE (AND SHEILA) came to live in Quorn in 1981 and set up as second-hand dealers. They ran their very popular business in Buckaringa shop for fifteen years.

Ern said they rented at first, before purchasing the shop, after a few eventful ups and downs. They are both 'happily retired, but like to get about a bit', especially to any auctions that come up.

Ern says he is still an optimist 'She'll be right mate' —can't worry about the past. It's already too late. The present is happening anyway. And don't worry about the future as it will only cloud your judgement'.

His hobbies are repairing not renovating. His favourite food is still roast pork.

Ever the optimist, Ern has his sights on Gladys Bond's 106 year record old age. ■

Navy — Bruce Delany

WHEN I WORKED on Eringa,* my weekly wage was £1-2-6, which equates to \$2.12.* After twelve months I was shifted to the head station, Macumba, and my wage increased to £2 per week. [Delany was 16 at this time.]

After eight months I was asked if I would take on the horse-breaking. If so, I'd be paid £1 [\$2] per horse on top of my usual wage.

As one could usually average 1½ horses per week, this meant I'd average £3-10-0 (\$7). In those days that would have put me in the Kerry Packer–Rupert Murdoch bracket! So I accepted with alacrity. I congratulated myself on having such a bountiful employer.

I didn't find out until much later that £1 per horse put me under contract, so if I were hurt, I'd receive no compo. (No flies on the Kidman Family!)

Anyhow, I was breaking a sour old bay mare, and had spent more time on her than she warranted, because she was proving to be very recalcitrant.

I had her to the riding stage after about a week, and entered the yard, bridle in hand to saddle her up. And she grabbed me by my hand, and ran around the yard, shaking me like a fox terrier dog shaking a rat.

I hurt my hand on her teeth, hitting her to make her let me go. Then I had to ride three miles back to the homestead, to get my hands bandaged by the old gidgee-whiskered Cook, Larry O'Toole. (Actually, he was a really good bloke.)

I'd told a couple of blokes who were working at the yards at the time to leave the mare in the yard until I decided what to do with her. So that evening I rode back to the yards with the intention of riding her, on the same theory that if you were in a plane crash, you went straight back up again.

I don't mind telling you, I was pretty wary of this bitch-mare by now, so when I went into the yard I had the bridle in one hand and a stick in the other. I was talking to her too,

saying something like, 'I'm going to ride you, you bastard, if it's the last thing I do!'

Right then I heard 'Giggle-giggle! Giggle-giggle!' I looked around, and beheld a vision of loveliness. Her nickname was 'Navy', because her father was a navy at the Alberga Siding.* And she looked like Marilyn Monroe.*

In reality she was probably quite ordinary, but it's a fact that the longer one is without female company, the prettier women get, and I'd been away from women for a fair while.

Sez I, 'If I get out of this yard, I'll stop you giggling!' Sez she, 'Giggle-giggle! Giggle-giggle!' I went through those rails like a snake (I weighed only about 9½ stone [60 kg] then), and took off after her down into the Macumba Creek.

After all hostilities had ceased, I floated back to the yards about a foot off the ground, walked straight up to the mare, and saddled her up.

The usual procedure riding a horse for the first time is to ride in the round yard, then into the forcing yard, and then into the receiving yards, before you take off into the wide blue yonder.

But not this time. I opened up all the yards, hopped on her, and rode her straight out.

Some of my new-found confidence must have communicated itself to her, because she gave only a couple of crow hops, and then she tossed it in.

I reckon I could have ridden 'Curio' or 'Chainsaw'* that day!

* Delany was born in 1930, and ran away from home in 1946 to work on Eringa & Macumba stations in northern SA on the Northern Territory border.

* The Basic Wage in 1947 was £5-6-0 (\$10.30) and for a woman (no equality in those primitive days!) £2-19-0 (\$5.95). So £1-2-6 (\$2.12) was truly minimal, though rations were also provided.

* Alberga was the next railway station north of Oodnadatta on the old narrow-gauge line to Alice Springs.

* Marilyn Monroe (1926–62) was a spectacularly beautiful US film star of that time.

* 'Curio' and 'Chainsaw' were famous and fiendishly difficult buck-jumping horses to ride in those times.

Courtesy *The Western Herald*, Bourke, NSW ■

Carling Wedding



ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 5th, Cameron Carling married Nicole Christopherson at All Saints Winery Wahgunyah near Yarrowonga Victoria.

Nicole's attendants were her sister Leah, friends Mel Brown and sisters Steph and Maddy Clarke, who they class as family since moving to Yarrowonga. Tom Carling, Brendan Lehmann, Tom George and Beau Clarke were Cameron's attendants; Elliot was pageboy.

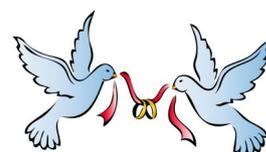
The weather was a fine 26° and it was a lovely setting in the gardens.

On the Friday night there was a sunset cruise around Lake Mulwala. It was way of South Aussies getting to know the Vics.

There was a contingent from Quorn and Booleroo centre, Paul and Michelle Carling from Parrakie, Kathy Carling and Andrew, Karyn Eckert and Kingsley from Adelaide. Jamie Lee Hannigan and partner were there from Tasmania.

A farewell barbeque was held at the ski club on Sunday.

Cameron and Nicole went to Malaysia for their honeymoon. ■



Quorn Out and About



Sarah and Zac Bury



Tricia Lehmann



Abbie Rowney and Cameron Saxton



Kate Neu, Tegan Miller, Daniel Jucke



Karina Eckert and Mandy Filsell lead the pack



Lucas Bury

Ranges Colour Run

Photos by Jodie Wonham



Tallara and Kemeree Stuart



Mackenzie Chapman, Isaac and Joel Finlay (Photo Tanya Finlay)



Kirby Coulthard and Emily Eckert



James Chapman, Joel, Jayde and Angie Finlay, Mackenzie Chapman



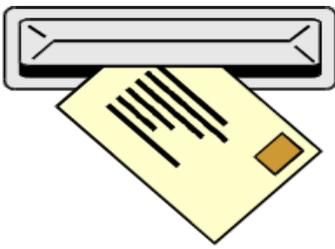
Angie Finlay and Jillian Wilson



Shelby and Sam Finlay and Lucas Bury (Photo Tanya Finlay)



Indi, Jayde and Nikki Finlay



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors,

Unfortunately the cycle of “to and fro” with the National Radioactive Waste Management Taskforce must continue.

In your October edition of the Mercury, the General Manager of the Taskforce took issue with statements in a previous edition by the Flinders Local Action Group.

Some of her explanations are simply wrong and others repeat the same old spin we have become very familiar with after four years of the Department’s propaganda. The Taskforce has only one goal which is to establish a waste facility either here or at Kimba. They said they have no preferred site which means they don’t care which place is selected.

The General Manager objects to the use of the word “targeted” for the waste dumps in SA because, she says, they received voluntary nominations from across the country. It’s true that they received 25 valid nominations from across Australia. Of those 25, only 3 were in SA. The only sites that have been progressed to the voting stage are 3 in SA. That is 100% of the SA sites. All the rest have been rejected.

Looking back at history, in the last 24 years there have been 30 dump sites considered across Australia. 23 (or 77%) of those have been in SA. That’s not a bad grouping for a .22 pistol at 30 metres, let alone a .303 at 1000 yards. Right on target you have to say.

The article also says; “A dry section of the Hookina Creek is located more than three kilometres south of the proposed site”. Three kilometres is nothing on a floodplain. Look at what happened in Queensland last February and March. Their predictive flood modelling last year looked at a one-in-100-year flood event. Based on the table published in the Department’s own site study, the 1955 flood was a one-in-420-year event. The 1989 flood was one-in-300-years and only 2007 came close at one-in-96-years. That’s only in a 52 year period!

The Department either doesn’t read or doesn’t understand its own reports. Can they be trusted with their other assertions about how good a dump is for us all?

Greg Bannon,
(Spokesperson for the Flinders Local Action Group)



Wedding

ON SATURDAY 19TH October, Hamish Smith married Hannah Hancock at Pichi Richi Park.

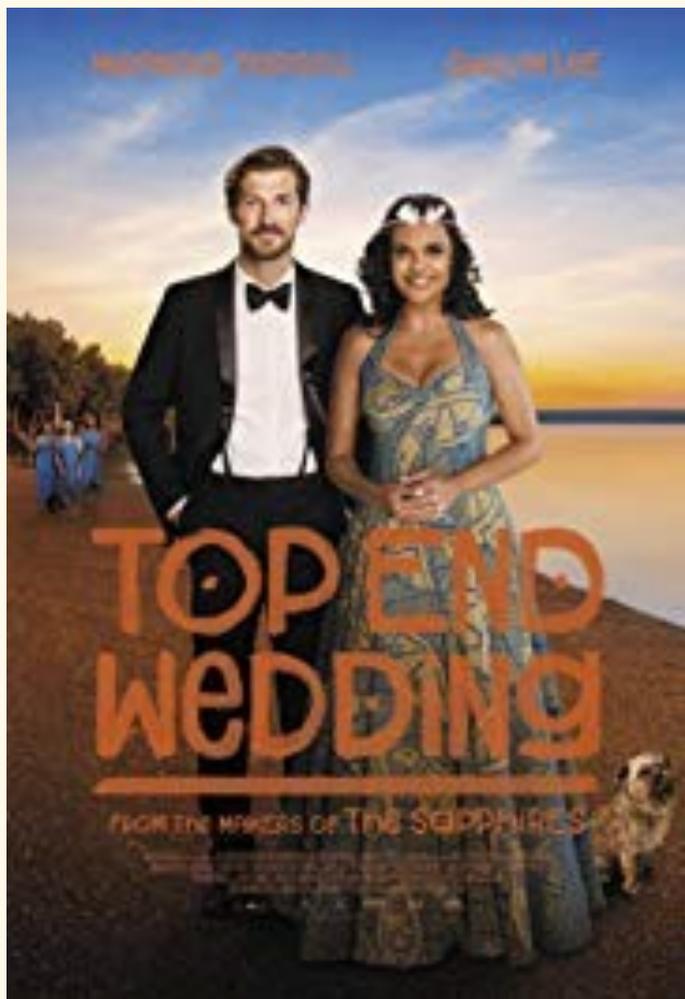
It was a beautiful ceremony attended by family and friends. During the vows, the Barwell Bull passed by with the families of Westminster boarders. Hamish’s father, the late Quentin Smith, and one of the founders of the railway, would have approved.

Hamish and Hannah will make their home in Whyalla. ■





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TOP END WEDDING

Friday 22nd November
7.30pm for 8.30pm start
Est 10.30 pm finish

**PLEASE PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS
FROM EMILY'S BISTRO**

MEAL TICKETS \$10—MAIN COURSE ONLY

Any drinks/desserts etc extra.....

**And remember to leave
your donation to
Flinders Flicks on the film night**

ABOUT THE MOVIE:

From the makers of **The Sapphires**, Top End Wedding is a celebration of love, family and belonging, set against the spectacular natural beauty of the Northern Territory. This heartwarming romantic comedy tells the story of successful Sydney lawyer Lauren and her fiancé Ned. Engaged and in love, they have just ten days to pull off their dream Top End Wedding. First though they need to track down Lauren's mother, who has gone AWOL somewhere in the Northern Territory.

Starring: *Miranda Tapsell, Gwilym Lee & Kerry Fox*

GENRE: COMEDY, ROMANCE

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"A beautiful, genuinely moving story"

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD



QUORN HERITAGE WALK

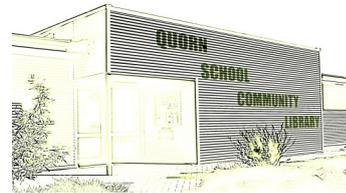
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Information about the Heritage Walk and each present and future Sign is on display in the Council Office ■

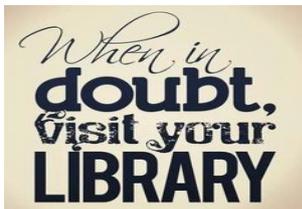
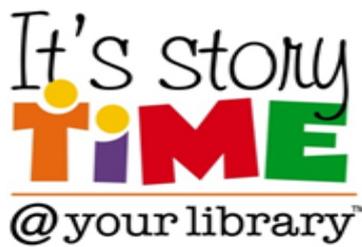


LIBRARY NEWS



QUORN BOOK CLUB

Saturday 23rd November
meet at 21 Park Terrace Quorn at 5pm.
All Welcome.
Enquiries please contact **Sam** on **0456 129 870** for further details.



Story Time

School Dates: 13th Nov, 27th Nov, and 4th Dec

Enquiries please contact: Nancy on 8648 6705 or 8648 6101

Come along for a story, sing-a-long, dance and craft.

JP Service

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

Advance Notice: Library summer holiday closure

Please mark the following dates on your calendars

- **The library will be open until Saturday 21st December, 2019.**
- **We will re-open again at 1:00PM on Tuesday 7th January 2020.**

We look forward to seeing you all then...

Some of the new items in the library collection

ADULT FICTION:

Other side of the Story by Marian Keys

Workhouse Nightingale by Holly Green

The Dream Daughter by Diane Chamberlain

The Ties that Bind by Lyn Andrews

Sewing Room Girl by Susanna Bavin

The Girls from Greenway by Elizabeth Woodcraft

Texas Wedding by Sasha Summers

The Dirty Dozen by Lynda La Plante

An Echo of Scandal by Lara Madeleine

Christmas on the Little Cornish Isles by Philippa Ashley

Khaki Town by Judy Nunn

The Quality Street Girls by Penny Thorpe

ADULT NON-FICTION:

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Arthur Ashe: a life by Raymond Arsenault

It's Your Money by Alan Kohler

A Basket by the Door by Sophie Hansen

Lonely Planet: Bali

Little Green Kitchen: Simple Vegetarian Recipes by David Frenkiel

LARGE PRINT:

The Great Cave Rescue by James Massola

The Perfect Game by Leslie Dana Kirby

A Lady in Need of an Heir by Louise Allen

Deputy Defender by Cindi Myers

JUNIOR FICTION:

The Shelter Puppy by Holly Webb

Mighty Mitch: Not Out! By Mitchell Starc

Fergus and Zeke by Kate Messner

Rabbit and Bear: Attack of the Snack by Julian Gough & Jim Field

The Ice Sea Pirates by Frida Nilsson

The Happy Prince and Other Stories by Oscar Wilde

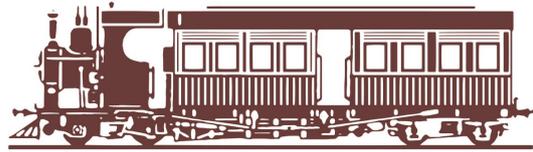
JUNIOR NON-FICTION:

The 100 Greatest Sportspeople of All Time by Martin Dreyer

Wadu Matyidi: A Time Long Gone by Buck McKenzie

Australian States and Territories

PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



WELCOME TO THE November Edition of our Quorn Mercury Newsletter. Keeping you up to date with the latest news from the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society.

Close of the 2019 Steam Season

WE HAVE NOW come to the end of another very successful steam running season and passenger numbers have been excellent. Several carriages which were taken out for maintenance, have now been returned to service. This enables us to carry additional passengers on both Afghan Express and Pichi Richi Explorer services.

Planning for the 2020 season is in hand and our new brochure/timetable will be available mid November.

Brill Rail Car Sundowner Trips

NOVEMBER HAILS THE return of the popular evening Brill Rail Car trips to Woolshed Flat and return.

Five of these services will depart Quorn each Saturday evening in November at 5.30pm and return at 7.30pm.

PRR caterers Chrissy and Steve will have a barbecue and snacks available for purchase at Woolshed Flat.

Join one of these trips to enjoy the late afternoon ambience of the Flinders Ranges as the sun goes down behind the ranges.



The Brill Rail Car is popular for special hires, charter services and is used for the Sundowner trips. Pictured here on a return trip from Quorn to Woolshed Flat

November Scheduled Trains

Sat Nov 2nd Sundowner - Ex Quorn 5.30pm

Sat Nov 9th Sundowner - Ex Quorn 5.30pm

Sat Nov 16th Sundowner - Ex Quorn 5.30pm

Sat Nov 23rd Sundowner - Ex Quorn 5.30pm

Sat Nov 30th Sundowner - Ex Quorn 5.30pm

Colouring Competition Winners

A COLOURING COMPETITION was conducted at the recent Quorn Show. The winner of the Junior Section (under 10years) is Farah Anjum who is 4 years old. The winner of the Senior Section (over 10years) is Tasnuba Anjum Sarah who is 11 years old.

Congratulations to both winners who will each receive a Family Pass to travel on the Pichi Richi Explorer.

Our Youngest Steam Crew

ON SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER, our youngest steam crew drove and fired the Pichi Richi Explorer return trip from Quorn to Woolshed Flat. The driver David Heah and the fireman Jarrod Smythe have a combined average age of 23 years.

It is fantastic to have crews of this generation stepping up to take the responsibility of working our steam locomotives. This art is being lost today as older, experienced crews are harder to find. ■



Driver David Heah and Fireman Jarrod Smythe crew W934 on Sunday 6th October

A Flinders Tradition since 1974

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1800 777 245

Fire Ban Season



From left—Peter Evans, Kingsley Marr



Kingsley Marr

FOR THOSE PEOPLE who are unaware, the Flinders Ranges Fire Ban season has been moved forward to start on the 21st of October. This is because of the dry conditions caused by the drought.

For further information check CFS web site for the Fire Ban season duration and when Total Fire Ban days occur. Fines of up to \$5000 will be issued to anyone breaking the fire regulations.

Because of the earlier start to the season the PRR Railway Fire Fighting Unit was used on the 25th of October to follow the last run of the *OLD GHAN* Steam Loco NM-25 to Quorn.

PRR Fire Unit was operated by Peter Evans, Kingsley Marr and Peter Dixon. ■



QUORN MEN'S SHED

ALL WELCOME

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ABN 80 684 435 275



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Keith, Ian and Lothar discussing old times in the bush



With work jobs done, Lyll and Eric have time to relax with a game of crib

We welcome two new members Rob and Terry and had visits by two others from Wilmington this month.



Woody chatting with new member Rob, his interests include building computers



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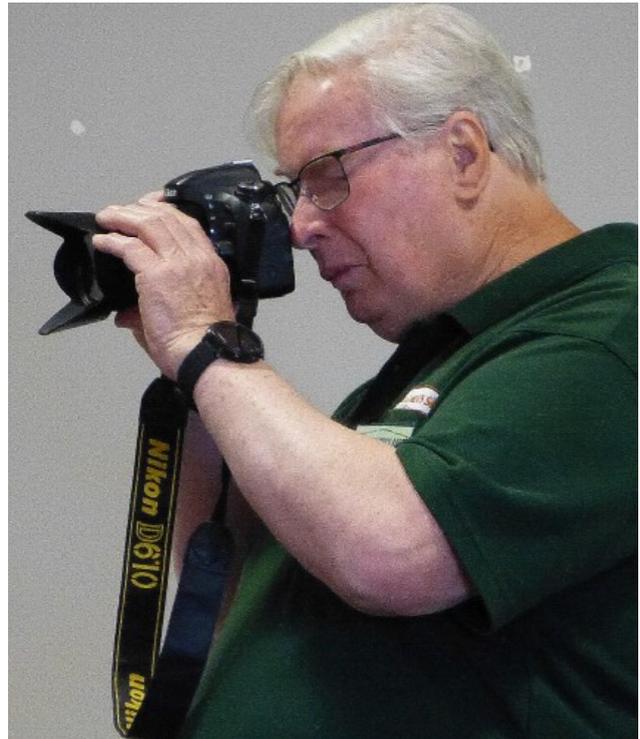
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SEVEN QUORN SHED members and partners journeyed to the Whyalla Men's Shed Muster Friday 18th October for a very enjoyable day.

Congratulations to Gary and his team for a job well done. The Mt Laura Museum was a great venue, topped off by a visit to your Men's Shed.



Gerry Levering giving a demonstration at Mt Laura Homestead Museum showing the creation of pin made from round bar, with a loop, twisted and tapered square shaft



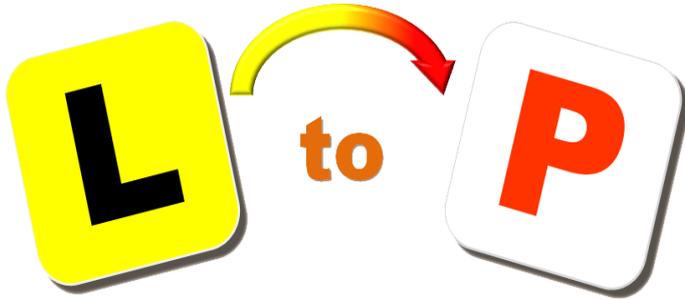
Whyalla Men's Shed photographer Ken caught on camera doing his job of recording history for tomorrow



Annette from Quorn enjoys chess game with Wayne from Whyalla Men's Shed



Visitor John having a chat with Keith



**Do you or your children
need Motor Vehicle
Driver Instruction
(MVDI) Training??**

- Just got your *Learner's* and want to learn how to drive or have a Pre-test?
- Auto or Manual Vehicle training available
- Do you have an *International License* that needs to be converted to an Australian License?
- Want to get your *4WD Training* done ready for possible employment opportunities?

I can train you here in Quorn (to get you started) and in Port Augusta in our new modern SUV, using the VORT method and get you ready for your Driving Test.

Contact **Norman** on: **0410 511 633** for more details



- Certified MVDI and member of the Australian Driver Trainers Association of S.A.
- Nationally Accredited 4WD Trainer & Assessor (for over 20 years)

See our *Website* and *Facebook* page for 4WD Courses and loads more info!

www.pindantours.com.au and www.facebook.com/PindanToursAnd4wdTraining



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Rider Bio: Rhys Everett



MY NAME IS Rhys Everett, I am fourteen years old, and my favourite horse is called *Cricket*.

She is a lovely paint mare, and she is eighteen years old and has had five foals. We are so very lucky to have Cricket living with us.

I love doing jumping (show jumping and cross-country jumping), and also mounted games (Bending, mug race, flag race).

On weekends, I go to Mount Young Pony Club in Whyalla, where I practice dressage, games, and jumping.



Later this year I start training with the State Mounted Games Squad with *Cricket*. I'm really looking forward to the training sessions.

Besides *Cricket*, I have a Palomino called *Lukka*. He is a Welsh cob, who is very cheeky and loves doing games.

We also have a 17h Clydesdale horse, *Koda*, which I ride.

When I was little, my first pony was a Welsh pony called *Windy*. He used to constantly buck me off.

Thanks to him, when one of my horses bucks now, I am able to stay on!

Cricket is an awesome horse, but she is sadly not ours. We are leasing her from a lady named Jacky Zauch. ■



Rhys competing at Mount Young Pony Club in Whyalla



PICHI RICHI PARK

Flinders Ranges

Christmas



Please join us at Pichi Richi Park for end of year Christmas Celebrations with an evening filled with delicious food by Epicurean Tuckerbox Live music and drinks

Where: Pichi Richi Park 2035 Flinders Ranges Way Quorn

Dates available:

Friday 6th December

Friday 13th December

Saturday 14th December

Friday 20th December

Price: \$65pp

Includes 3 course meal

Buffet style and sit down on alternating dates

Live music

Bus transfers

Bar open for drink purchases

Bookings essential—Phone 0884686898 or email: stay@pichirichipass.com.au

Please advise of dietary requirements at time of booking

We look forward to welcoming you





Classified Adverts

Rainfall 2019

January	4.2 mm
February	3.4 mm
March	3.6 mm
April	1.2mm
May	51.2mm
June	45.4mm
July	8.7mm
August	17.0mm
September	9.4mm
October	1mm
Year to Date	145.2mm

THE DUTCHMANS STERN CONSERVATION PARK AND MOUNT BROWN CONSERVATION PARK

For the purpose of undertaking a pest control program, public access will be temporarily prohibited at The Dutchman's Stern Conservation Park and Mount Brown Conservation Park from:

6am Saturday, 9 November 2019 until 11.30am Friday, 15 November 2019

Meals on Wheels

I would like to thank all volunteers for their services in 2019.

The 2020 Roster is now being drawn up, so anyone not interested in delivering meals on wheels in 2020.

Please ring Kath on 86486058 ASAP.

All new volunteers are welcome.

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

Auction

Quorn Cricket Club Annual Auction Sunday November 3rd. Quorn Oval

Goods received from 7am on morning of sale. Any item \$5 or less becomes a donation to Cricket Club.

Barbeque and bar available.

Enquiries: 0427 486 865 or 0488 771 033 or 8648 6434

Thank You

The Local History Group would like to thank the **Lions Club** for their very generous Donation.

We also take this opportunity to acknowledge publicly, and thank, the Transcontinental Hotel patrons Club and the Quorn Community Pre Loved Shop for their generous donations over the past 12 months.

Health Calendar

Requests for Allied Health 1300 760 177

November 2019

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist
Diabetes Education
Dietitian
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Pathologist
Social Worker

Bookings 8642 3201



November

Anglican Church of St Matthews

Three services a year:

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

If required for a funeral service

Ph: 8648 6162 or 8648 6763

**Catholic Church
Church of the Immaculate
Conception**

Parish Priest: Father Harold Camonias

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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1. Handwritten materials, major advert roughs, and pictures for scanning to Visitor Information Centre Quorn Railway Station 4.30pm Wednesday 27th November.
2. Submitted articles/items are preferred as an email attachment using Word or Publisher
3. Classified Adverts on the form provided, at the Visitor Information Centre. *Must* be paid for when submitted. 4.30pm Friday 29th November 2019.
4. Photocopy-ready materials: Visitor Information Centre, Quorn. 4.30pm Friday 29th November 2019.
5. Publication — Friday morning December 6th 2019.

Guidelines for Photocopy-ready materials:

- white A4 paper with 2cm margins all round; minimum 11-point type.
- if less than half a page, please use full page width still within 2cm margins.

Conditions—no material will be published that is not accompanied by the writer's name and either address or 'phone number, but not *on* the work.

Charges

Subscriptions: \$35 for 12 months.

Major Ads:

	Single	Year	Discount
Full page	\$30	\$250	\$80
Half page	\$15	\$130	\$35
Quarter p.	\$ 8	\$ 75	\$13
Eighth p.	\$ 5	\$ 50	\$ 5

Classifieds: \$1 per line or part-line on the form provided at the Visitor Information Centre, Quorn.

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events November 2019

Regular Events

Quorn

Quorn Produce and Craft Market Sunday 27th

Quorn Book Club

Phone Sam Nester for info
0456 129 870

Women's Fellowship—

3rd Wednesdays
See poster in Laundromat window or Facebook for details

Quorn Men's shed

Breakfast 7th & 21st from 8.00am

Flinders Flicks Friday 22nd

Tickets at Emily's Bistro
Movie "Top End Wedding"

Storytime at the Library

13th Nov, 27th Nov and 4th Dec at 10.00am

Spit Roast

Emily's Bistro - Every Sunday

Hawker

Community Group—Tuesday fortnightly

Development Board—

3rd Monday of the Month

Friendship Group—

3rd Wednesday

Sing Australia Hawker—

welcomes everyone to sing
Friday 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Hawker Hospital Community Room

Quilting Group—Friday

fortnightly

Events

Quorn and Hawker Swimming Pool
opening season 18th October 2019 to 1st March 2020

Quorn Cricket Club Auction

Quorn Oval 3rd November at 10am
Fully catered even.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon 5th at the Transcontinental Hotel Quorn from 12pm

Melbourne Cup Luncheon 5th at the Austral Hotel Quorn from 12pm

Hawker Melbourne Cup Luncheon 5th
12pm Hawker Community Sport Club
Cost \$25 rsvp Monday 22nd Nov to Jane Fischer on 0414 991 763 Stef Teague 0457 075 620

Quorn Stockyard Arena 9th & 10th

Saturday Bronco Branding

Sunday Team Penning

Teamwork involving riders, horses and cattle in action.

Fully catered event, auction and entertainment on Saturday night.
This is a fundraiser with money donated to charity.



Remembrance Day 11th

A Remembrance Day service will be held at the Hawker War Memorial commencing at 10.45am
Conducted by the students of Hawker Area School

Pichi Richi Railway Train Journeys

Pichi Richi Sundowners
Departs 5.30pm Quorn to Woolshed Flat and return.
Tickets available at VIC

Regular Events

Quorn

Aerobics/Walking Exercise

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

Asharnaye – Let's Groove

Wednesday night 6.30pm at the School Gym. Cost \$15 per session or \$50 for 4.
Groove is a simple & fun dance experience that conditions the body & nurtures the mind, body & soul

Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am
School/community Gym. Cost \$2

Line dancing

Tuesday nights, 7pm, Town Hall. Cost \$6

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm
Uniting Church Hall

Pilates

Monday 7pm, Wednesday 9am in the rehab room at hospital.
Men—Wednesday night at Golf club.

Probus

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

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

Fridays at the Austral Hotel.
Everyone welcome

Quorn Bowling Club

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

Suzanne's Dancers Quorn Tuesday at Quorn Parish Hall for children

Water Aerobics Tuesday mornings 7.30am

Quote of the Month

Everybody comes back to where they were born.
Nelson Mandela



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Nuclear Waste Management Facility

If you'd like a major new Government Business in our Region

Vote YES

If you'd like Federal Government money to be spent on our Region

Vote YES

If you'd like our region to prosper instead of becoming more depressed

Vote YES

If you'd like more jobs to become available instead of fewer

Vote YES

If you'd like more workers bringing more money into our Region

Vote YES

If you'd like our Businesses to survive instead of being sold or even closed because they're no longer financially viable

Vote YES

If you'd like the value of your house or property to rise instead of fall

Vote YES

If you'd like to have more Tourists visit our Region to check out the Nuclear Facility as happens in other parts of the World

Vote YES

If you believe Aussie Scientists & Engineers are capable of designing and building a safe Nuclear Waste Management Facility

Vote YES

If you don't care enough to vote but prefer not to hand the Vote over to Naysayers and Doomsdayers

Vote YES

If you're a Person who's more positive and optimistic than negative and pessimistic

Vote YES

Let's all of us team together to *support* our Region and make sure we have a *more* prosperous future. Let's *all* of us

Vote YES

Ray Wood