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Dressed up for the Show!



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 proved to be an excellent day for the 105th Quorn Agricultural Show.

The Horses in Action programme provided a continuous view of ridden and led equestrian events conducted across four rings.

The *Baa to Beanie* theme exhibited many skills and products that exist because of the local wool industry.

The Memorial Hall opened to reveal photography, baking, floral, vegetable, arts and craft and textile exhibits. Most items were submitted locally with some entries from other towns in the region.

With so much to see and do, you will enjoy the photos and other content in this edition of the Mercury.



Above: Charlotte Leahy & Jessington Evening Star, led by Mum Dianne, 1st place in the Fancy Dress Photo
Right: Monique Scott & Tommy, second place in the fancy dress



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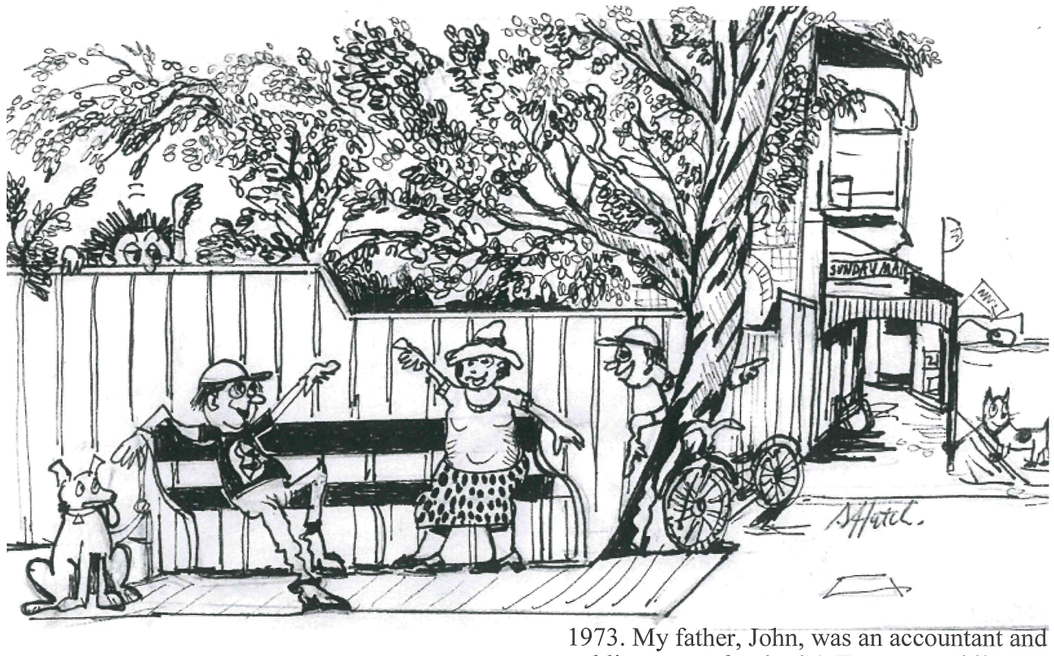
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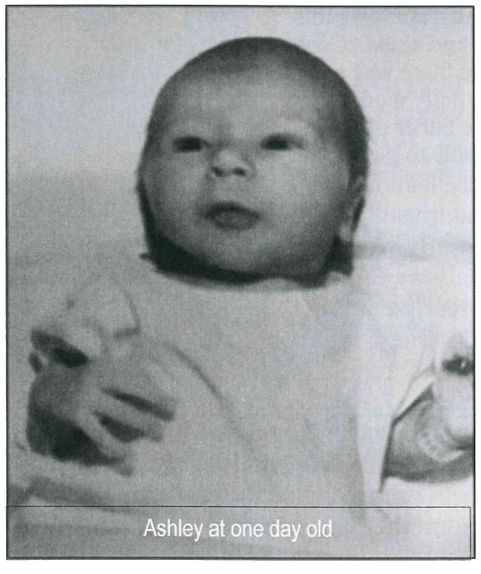
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Chat with a Quornie
Ashley Parkinson



I WAS BORN IN APRIL 1971 in Adelaide, and was soon followed by my sister, Kelly in 1973. My father, John, was an accountant and public servant for the SA Treasury, whilst my mother, Dawn, was a schoolteacher.

At some stage Mum and Dad decided to move to Darwin, and so we threw our worldly possessions on to the old Ghan, We changed trains in Marree at 1 0'clock in the morning, landed in Alice Springs and completed the final drive to Darwin.



Ashley at one day old



Ashley and his sister Kerry on top of Ayers Rock (Uluru) between 14-15 years of age.

Mum soon got a job at a new Catholic school, Holy Spirit Primary School, where my sister and I joined her short time later. This was my first contact with the catholic church but it had a lasting effect on me, and over the years the church impacted my life in more ways than one.

School was school, but at the age of 6years old, Mum decided that I was to learn the piano. I wasn't one who really enjoyed practicing, and Mum used to set the timer on the kitchen oven for thirty minutes. Then I would go around and move the timer, never thinking that Mum would realise that I weas cheating.

At one point the classical training was getting boring, and so another music teacher was found that could teach me a more modern style. Music like The Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel and others. I did this for a few years, but soon realised that to play better I had to go back to a more classical teacher.

We were lucky to have an extremely talented teacher, who took me the next level in my playing. Pushing me through the next few grades of piano playing.

Because I could now a play a bit, I started playing at Mass each Sunday. This taught me how to play in front of people, (even though I was sitting at the back), but it gave me confidence.

It was around this time, that I decided that I wanted to formally join the church, and I so was baptised, confirmed, and had first communion all on the same day.

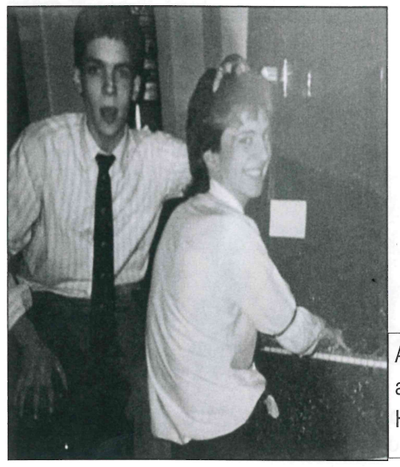


Ashley playing at Mass

Mum and Dad decided that it was time to head back to Adelaide, and so for the final 2 years of my school I attended Rostrevor College. I was lucky enough that Rostrevor was just firing up their music program and had just introduced the music curriculum with two great teachers. As we had several pianists, mostly better than me, I started playing the flute.

My social life really circulated around a catholic youth group called Antioch. I played music at Mass and at our meetings. This was where I really started to play the guitar. The guitar was a lot easier to carry around and pick up girls down at the beach. (better than dragging a piano around, and you can't sing with a flute!!)

I wasn't a great student at school, but did end up finishing my Matriculation year, and was successful in getting into my Music Degree.



Ashley playing at the Union Hotel.

Whilst studying this, I started playing a few pubs and clubs. Generally late at night in places where there was a piano tucked in the corner. I essentially paid my way through Uni doing this.

The father of one of my friends from Antioch was able to get me a job at Holdens out at Elizabeth during the term breaks, but I soon found myself working there full time. Generally working as a welder/tool maker. I recall my father being very worried that I was really enjoying this. I was earning good money, it gave me time to play in the pubs, and I could continue my music degree.

For some reason, and as I look back and reflect, I really have no idea why the concept of nursing started to grow. My Grandmother was a nurse, my great-aunt

Pretty certain that I have said above that I wasn't a very good student. It actually took me 5 years to complete my 3-year degree. Which I find quite embarrassing as I type that. But I was earning money playing gigs around and was managing to pick up some work as a "Roadie" for different shows around Adelaide and in country towns.

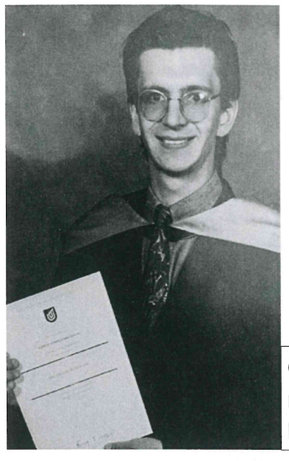
Another friend had started a staging business, essentially building the stage and the structures that the lights and sound all hang off at big concerts. He employed me and I was the guy who would climb up the trussing, way up high, and secure the lights and sound equipment. I worked on a number of different concerts everyone from Jimmy Barnes, Billy Joel, The Eurythmics, to High-5.

...So here I was studying nursing, playing gigs, working on concerts, playing at Mass and attending Antioch meetings.

It was at one of these Antioch meetings that I met my first wife, Frances.

Frances was also a musician and played at another church, but her family had decided to change to our parish. We soon started sharing the playing duties and married.

I had just about finished my Nursing degree, but then found myself without a nursing job. Remember, I had taken five years, so wasn't one of those top students to graduate.



Graduating from nursing degree (at last!!)

I quite literally pulled out the white pages and wrote to every hospital I could think of.

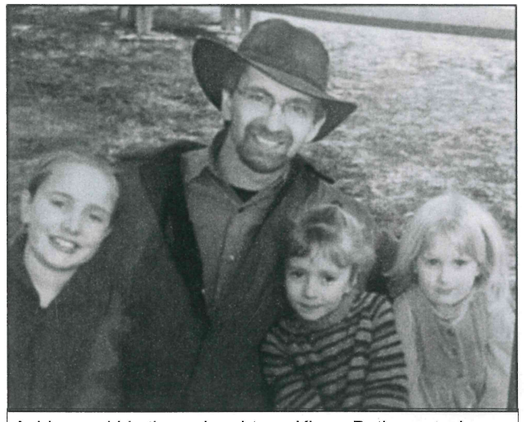
Out of all places, Warrnambool Hospital needed someone for a few weeks over the Christmas period, so they gave me a short contract. It was during this contract that they offered me a 12 month position to complete my Graduate Nurse Program.

Frances and I lived in a small place called Yambuk, halfway between Warrnambool and Portland, where Frances was working.

When Frances and I found ourselves expecting our first child, we decided to move back to Adelaide so we could be closer to family, and so at the end of the year, we moved back.

We welcomed Kiara, followed by Bethany, and then Deanna. My three girls.

I was now working at Ashford Hospital in their Oncology/Haematology/Palliative Care unit. At Ashford, I not only was working as a nurse, but had the occasional shift as the Bed Manager, and Shift Coordinator.



Ashley and his three daughters: Kiara, Bethany and Deanna

After a few years, I went and worked at the Queen Elizabeth in the same area. This type of nursing gave me experience in all sorts of aspects of nursing. Not just high dose chemotherapy, but bone marrow transplants, haematology, heavy duty drugs, but I thoroughly enjoyed the relationships that we built with patients. Something that continues with me to this day.

Now I was a family person, with three children, my music wasn't as prominent, but I was still able to do some work for my friend's company working on shows. It was on one of these shows that I found myself in the Flinders Ranges.

On our way home we stopped at Melrose and I played an impromptu gig that night. The

owner of the hotel said to me, "I need someone like you to run my hotel!". I said, "Okay, I'll give that go!"

Frances and I packed up the family, and bought a house in Melrose, and I ran the North Star Hotel for a couple of years.

Then the owner decided to sell up, and although the new owners asked me to stay, I decided that I should go back to nursing. I wrote to the local hospitals, and Quorn just happened to by the first one to answer. I'm not sure where Alison was, but she didn't interview me, but I was employed and so I started at Quorn.

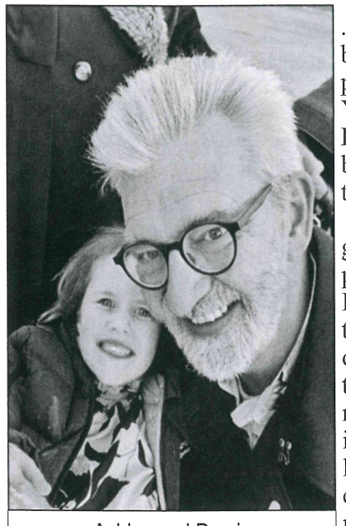
It was around this time that Frances and I separated. This was a challenging time for me, but I was blessed that I had a good workplace, and supportive friends.

I was lucky at Quorn, and was soon employed as the Clinical Nurse, which was a position they had just re-introduced. A little later, I was the Nurse Unit Manager and a year or two later, Exec Officer/Director of Nursing.

But the most lucky thing that happened to me was Alison…

Another one of those things that I just didn't see coming…But Alison and I started seeing each other. Nearly 20 years later, and I still can't believe how lucky I have been.

Alison and Fletcher welcomed me into their family, and I soon got to know Fraser and Rhys.



Ashley and Darcie

...Alison and I bought the property out on Yarrah Vale Road, and we built a life together.

Because of the generosity of people in Quorn I have learnt how to ride horses, go out shooting, tinker around in my shed, be involved in the local events, either playing music or on the microphone, even being elected as a local councillor and now there is no chance I will ever be moving back to Adelaide.

Alison and I enjoy travelling, and as we approach retirement, we hope to continue our wanderings and see more of the world.

But of course, a lot of our leisure time is spent with our grandchildren. I have been again, so lucky, in being so welcomed and them allowing me to be part of their lives.

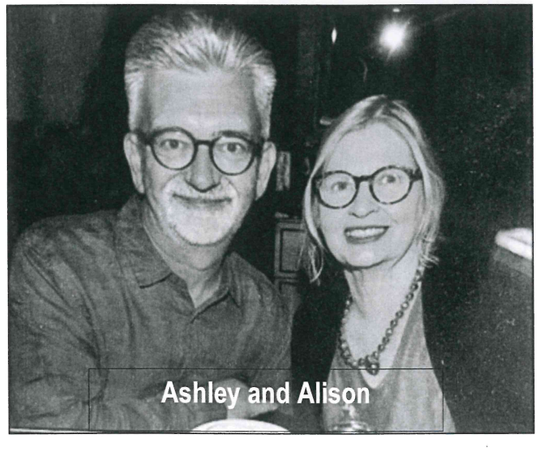
My girls are all grown up now. Kiara is working/living in Perth in Nuclear Medicine and Sonography. Recently married and enjoying her sailing. (Representing Australian in the Blind Sailing team, of all things, as the sighted person on board). Bethany is a high school Science teacher but having some time off and working within the NDIS. Deanna has just bought her first house, and working as a Data Scientist, (some sort of mathematics that I don't understand). I don't see them often enough, but we still talk and facetime regularly.

Quorn, and Hawker of course, have been so good to me. I have worked with some great people, from Susi, Tony and our new doctors, to the entire nursing and services teams at Hawker, Quorn and Leigh Creek health services.

Health and hospitals are a challenging business to be in. I have seen some absolute tragedies in my work, but have also seen some fantastic care being provided, and I am very proud of the teams that I am part of and the service we provide to our communities.

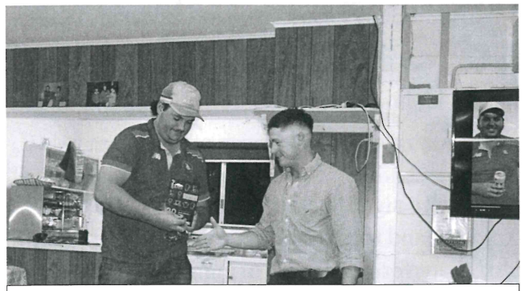
My life to this point has been a series of flukes, luck, and happenstance of meeting the right people at the right time.

Thanks to all my friends, my work teams, my family…but most importantly, Alison.■



Ashley and Alison

Quorn Golf Club
Windup 19 September 2025



Left: Monthly Medal winner Cam Finlay, presented by Club Captain Tom Carling



Left President Robert Britza, Pauline Zanet, Winner of President's Day, Tom Carling



Left: Pauline Zanet , Monthly Medal Winner, Tom Carling



Left Monthly Medal Winner, Matt Griffiths, Tom Carling



Left Robert Britza Club A Grade Championship Winner, Tom Carling



Left B Grade Championship Runner Up, Dean Montgomerie, Tom Carling



Left Terry Smith C Grade Runner Up Tom Carling



Left Haydn Hancock Congratulations on Life Membership, after over 35 years, serving many and leading in roles. Presented by Robert Britza

Six Days in SA's Badlands: A journey through Grit and Grandeur

Story and photos by Amanda Hoffrichter

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When volunteer hiker Simon Cameron calls a stretch of the Heysen Trail "South Australia's Badlands," he's not exaggerating. This is a rugged and remote slice of the outback, brimming with natural drama and history, but not for the faint-hearted. For others, like myself, it's a challenging, beautiful, and deeply rewarding six-day trek through some of the most underappreciated terrain in Australia.

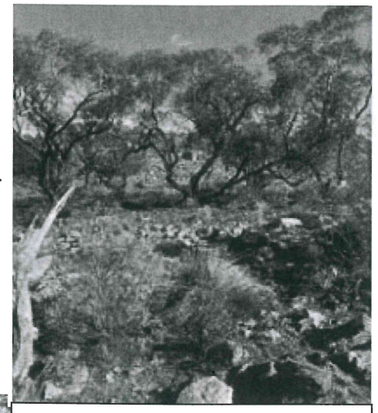
This adventure began on a whim - spurred by a Facebook post from the Heysen Trail community. Our plan? Hike from Wilmington to Bobby Creek Road, just north of Quorn. Two days walking northbound (NOBO), then four days southbound (SOBO) back into Quorn.

Day 1: Wilmington to Catninga Shed.
The first challenge was simply reaching the trailhead: a stretch of sealed road from Wilmington. Once on the Heysen Trail proper, we traversed farmland, sheep yards, and dusty tracks beside the highway toward Horrocks Pass Memorial. An unexpected medical emergency near the memorial (thankfully within mobile range) meant an ambulance was called, and only two of us continued.

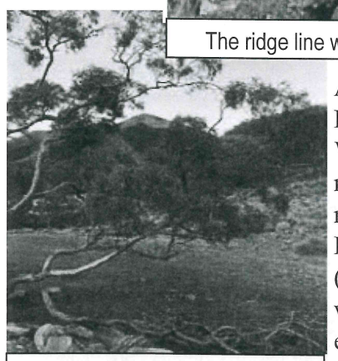
With dry tanks at Hawks Nest, we were glad we'd brought a full day's water. The landscape - rolling hills, fence lines, and dry farmland - was as exhausting as it was picturesque. We pushed through into dusk, grateful for the FarOut app and reflective trail markers to guide us to Catninga Shed.
The shed offered water, shelter, and basic amenities - luxuries after a tough day.

Day 2: Catninga to Quorn via Mt Brown
From the start, it was a stiff uphill to Mt Brown Tower, scrambling rocks along the fence line. The views were incredible, and the history palpable—interpretive signs shared stories of European explorers and the Aboriginal people who had lived there for millennia.

Downhill, the trail guided us to the historic Pichi Richi railway. We stopped under the old bridge for lunch, imagining the steam trains of a bygone era.



The ridge line walk at Pichi Richi



Sunset at Eyre Depot

After crossing Flinders Ranges Way, we navigated a rugged ridge past Pichi Richi Park (with optional water access), eventually descending to the Pass and following the train line toward Quorn. Ruins, overpasses, and gravesites peppered the route - a haunting reminder of the region's colonial past. We spent the night at the Flinders Ranges Motel, known as The Old Mill. Highly recommended.

Day 3: Bobby Creek Rd to Buckaringa North
After brunch at Quandong Café and a ride from trail angel Paul Drake, we were back on trail, this time starting from the vast Willochra Plain. The early kilometres were flat and dusty. As we turned off the main road and followed station tracks, the terrain shifted - rocky outcrops, dry creek beds, and sweeping views over Willochra Creek.

A highlight was a lookout platform reflecting golden hues in the late sun. We made camp at Buckaringa North, just off the Scenic Drive, with water and phone reception available via a nearby hill climb.

Day 4: Buckaringa to Eyre Depot via Mt Arden
We left before dawn, and the first light bouncing off the red rocks was unforgettable. After a break at the dramatic Buckaringa Gorge, we faced the grueling climb up Mt Arden. The trail was rough, winds fierce, and the water at the summit needed filtering. No water awaited us at Mt Arden South camp.

We decided to push on to Eyre Depot. This section, mostly creek and gorge walking, was both the most beautiful and the most difficult. Narrow gorges, hidden waterfalls, and near-vertical climbs made for slow progress. With the help of digital maps and keen eyes for trail markers, we finally reached the open expanse of Eyre Depot - complete with water tanks, a toilet, and flat camping ground.

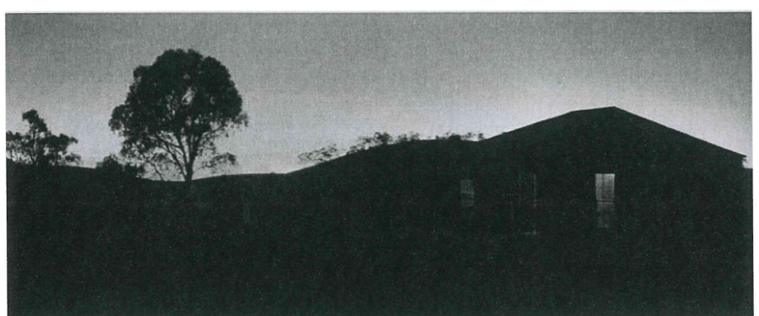
Day 5: Eyre Depot to Dutchman Hut
This was one of the easier days, mostly following fences, access roads, and gentle creeks. The trail eventually brought us into Dutchman's Stern Conservation Park. We had the time to enjoy the scenery and take things slow.

Dutchman Hut was a welcome sight: spacious, with a large table, sleeping platforms, and good facilities. We saw no mice, only a curious kangaroo. A nearby shearing shed provided toilets and a sink. A side trip to Dutchmans Stern summit is optional here - we skipped it in favor of rest.

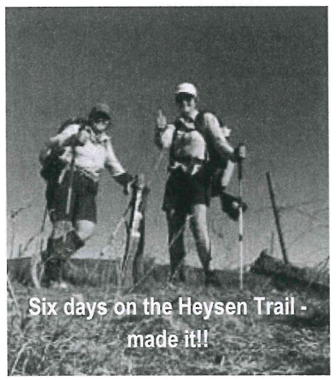
Day 6: Dutchmans to Quorn
The final day saw us weaving along old water catchments, over paddocks and creeks, and eventually onto roadways. The Trail ended where we'd passed days earlier at the Pichi Richi junction. After 140 kilometres, we walked the final stretch into Quorn, eager for hot showers and celebratory cake at Scruffy Fella café.
What I took away: this journey left me with more than sore feet and dusty gear. I learned that longer days, while efficient, can rob the joy of soaking in the landscape. The drought-hardened Flinders Ranges felt like a different world compared to my wetter 2024 walk to Parachilna.

The rocky terrain was more brutal than anticipated. But the reward? Jaw-dropping vistas, fiery sunrises, and the camaraderie of trail mates and strangers alike. My gear mostly held up - though it's clear a few pieces need an upgrade before the next outback test.

And most importantly, I was reminded: everyone walks their own kilometres. No two journeys are the same. ■



Sunrise at Dutchman Hut



Six days on the Heysen Trail - made it!!

Thanks to The Friends of the Heysen volunteers who contacted the author on our behalf to seek permission to reprint this story in The Mercury.

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Probus News

The 2025 Probus Rally was on 9 September. Five Quorn members made their way to Cleve in private cars. All clubs from the Eyre peninsula were represented with a strong turnout at the Cleve Sporting Bodies Complex.

Meredith and Dianne drove down the day before to enjoy the beautiful scenery and a great welcome dinner at the Cleve Hotel. Anne, Fanny and Mary drove down on the day of the rally. Points to Mary Francis, the driver who left Quorn at the crack of dawn.

The guest speakers were introduced by MC David Reed. These included Jennifer Law, Probus district Chair for the South Country Area and Sue Chase AM the Chair of Regional Development Australia.

Probus members were entertained with musical numbers from students from the Cleve Area School. Max Bennett thrilled the audience with his brilliant harmonica playing. Mary Edwards, a local identity, kept the crowd amused with her various monologues.



Shank the sheep

A highlight of the day, after the delicious lunch, was guest speaker Peter Crosby. Peter is a local farmer turned sculptor. His unique sculptures gracing the public spaces in Cleve are a real attraction. Peter uses all kinds of left over metal objects to create his inspiring works. Shanks the sheep made an appearance at the rally. Members were enthralled

Former federal member for Grey, Rowan Ramsey, spoke to the group about his long experience in politics, his achievements and the importance of an opposition.

The raffles were plentiful this year with a twist on how the prizes were shared around. Each club that purchased tickets had their own container. This ensured that each club had at least one winner. This was very popular indeed. Anne Freebairn was the Quorn club winner.

A wonderful time was had by everyone in Cleve. The 2026 Probus Rally will be in Port Lincoln.

Probus meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Quorn Town Hall, at 10am. ■



Above L-r: Dianne Williams , Mary Francis, Fanny Coulthard, Meredith Heymink, Anne Freebairn (with her raffle prize)



Right: Probus delegates from towns across the Eyre Peninsula

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

Quorn Men's Shed Upgrades

By Jack O'Halloran

Quorn Men's Shed has recently undergone a series of renovations, improving safety, expanding facilities, and opening new opportunities for both men and women in the community. Over the past eight months, members have worked steadily to refresh the workshop, clean and reset equipment, and create safer spaces for woodwork and metalwork. A major development has been the construction of a separate welding bay which ensures that welding is kept apart from the woodworking section, reducing hazards while allowing more members to explore metalwork An outdoor garden area is also being up- graded, with a shade structure underway. In addition, a recently approved government grant will fund a small freestanding sanding station, ensuring dusty work can be carried out safely outside. Quorn Men's Shed chairperson Ian Carpenter said the upgrades have been made possible entirely through grants and donations. "We're self-funded and so we rely heavily on grants and donations," Mr Carpenter said. Alongside physical improvements. the Shed has introduced initiatives to broaden community involvement. It now runs a Women's Day' once a week, with half a dozen women regularly attending to learn practical skills such as welding, carpentry, and basic home maintenance. 'There's no reason why women can't learn to mend things, weld up a gate or be able to change a tap washer in their house," Mr Carpenter said. "We've got half a dozen ladies that come most Tuesdays, which is fantastic. "One lady came in wanting to learn welding for her business ... by the end of the day she was a natural. "She rang me the next day to say she'd bought her own welder and planned to start making furniture and ornaments, which was fantastic to see." The Shed is also heavily involved in a number of community projects, the most recent being some repairs that were made to a park bench in the dog park. "They got aged and broken, so we repaired them, re-oiled them, and they've got them back in their dog park now. "We take on projects for people around the town, whether it's making something or re storing something, and we charge them what it costs us in materials and then ask for a donation from there" Currently the Shed has around 25 members, but Mr Carpenter said the group was always looking for more. "We're trying to get more members ... lots of people think that the Men's Shed is just for old people, but we've got lots of people from all walks of life," he said "We've got two young fellas who come in now as well when work lets them, and they're thoroughly enjoying being able to learn some new skills." For more information on what the Quorn Men's Shed can do for you, head to their website at mensshed.org/sheds/quorn-mens-shed/. https://mensshed.org/sheds/quorn-mens-shed/



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Fashion designer Eugenia Ward battles business troubles, family tensions, and love as she struggles to keep her career and family together.

Seascraper – Benjamin Wood

In a bleak coastal town, young Thomas Flett longs to escape his hard life. A mysterious American offers him hope—but also hidden risks.



Di Williams was one of the lucky winners of a new Firstival Tote bag after participating in an event in this year's 'Firstival'. She gave feedback of her experience on Lyall's tour around the Bruce and Hammond region.

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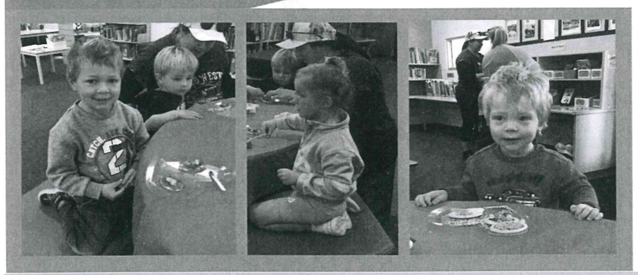
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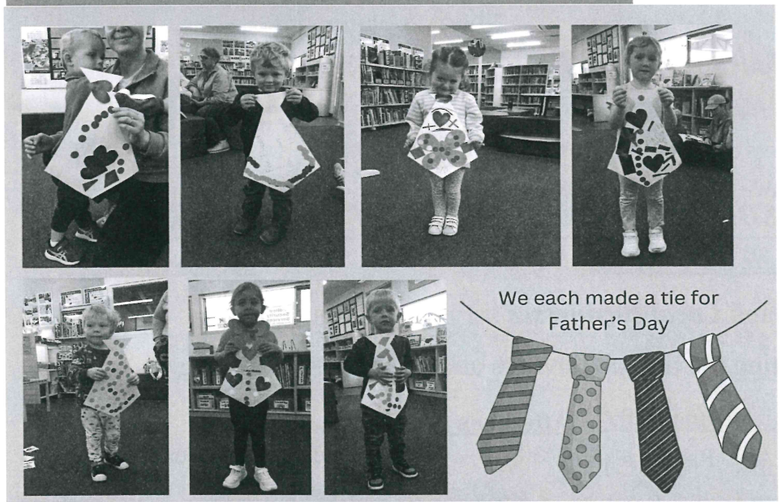
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Wednesday

15th and 29th

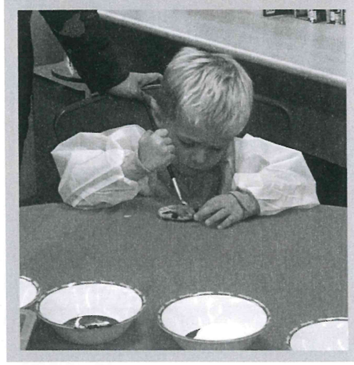
October

Starts 10.00 am

No story-time during the school holidays.

We painted pet rocks that could go in Section M 'Handicraft and Art' at our Show.





Quorn Quandong Festival

Program of Events

Saturday

All Day Features

- ***Sophie Thomson*** facilitating all day (assisted by Jordan McKenna)
- ***Gourmet Food Stalls*** and ***Local Businesses*** serving delicious food
- ***Market Stalls*** celebrating the unique flavours and use of the Quandong

Morning Sessions

8.00-9.30	Sophie Thomson: ABC Radio Live Broadcast
9.30	Growing and Propagating Quandong Trees: Brenton Wellum
10:00	Quandong and Native Food Cooking Demonstration: Billie Cornthwaite: Meez On Plus
10:30	Crickey Tucker Farm: Native Foods: Aaron
10:45	Quandong Dreaming: Bush Tucker Stories: Curated by Lavene Ngatokorua
11:00	Sophie Thomson Community Session

Lunchtime Session

12:00-1.30 Live Music: *Warren Milera*

Afternoon Sessions

1:30	History and Growing Quandongs: Bob and Sue Tulloch
2:00	Creative Native Foods Demonstration: Andrew Fielke
2.30	Flinders Gin Crafted with Native Ingredients: Alby Trotta
3.00	Native Bees: Small Creatures, Big Impact: Trish Slattery
3.30	Pioneer of the Bush Food Industry: Lyle Dudley
5.00	Competition Winners announced
7.00	Dinner: *Andrew Fielke* - Also featuring Victoria Lennard Location The Emporium Great Northern Lodge (tickets available from the website)



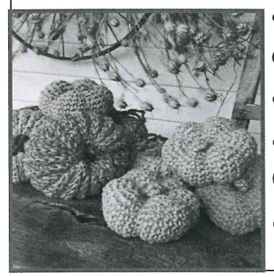
Program of Events

Sunday



All Day Features

Sophie Thomson facilitating all day *(assisted by Jordan McKenna)*



- ***Gourmet Food Stalls*** and ***Local Businesses*** serving delicious food
- Local ***Quorn Markets*** Town Hall
- ***Market Stalls*** celebrating the unique flavours and use of the Quandong
- ***Local Entertainment*** and ***Children's Activities***

Morning Sessions

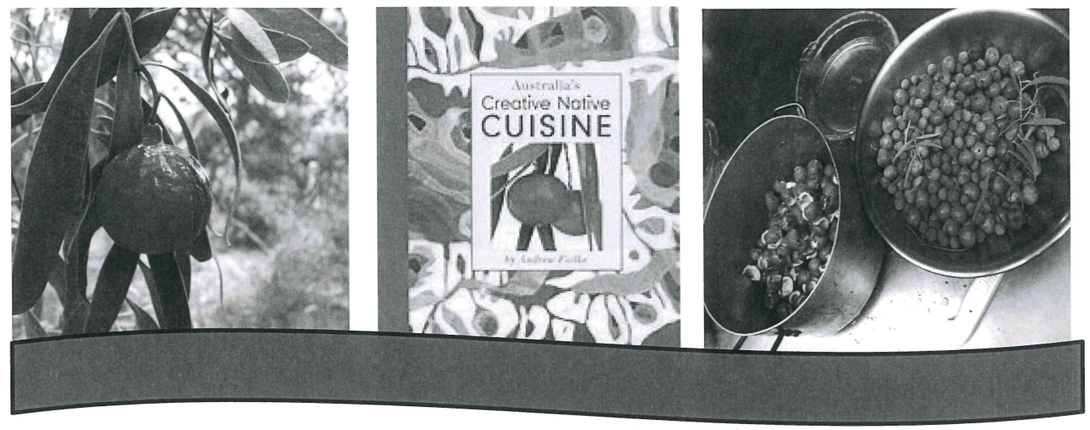
9.00	Vintage Car Display
9.30	Bush Poetry: Glen Hughes
10.00	Botanicals and Ingredients Two experts one Conversation (with Andrew Fielke and Sophie Thomson)
10.30	Healthy Dumpling Master Class: location Spirit of the Flinders Makers Centre
	Tickets available from the website
11.00	Biochar Demonstration: Sharon Taylor

Lunch Time Session

12.00	Live Music: Warren Milera enjoy the Local flavours and Local music

Afternoon Sessions

1.30	Winner Announced guess the Quandong Seeds
2.00	Quandong Tree Planting: Pioner Park Adopt a Quandong Tree
3.30	Wander the Bush Tucker Garden with Sophie Thomson



Do you need support with meals as you grow older?

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

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.

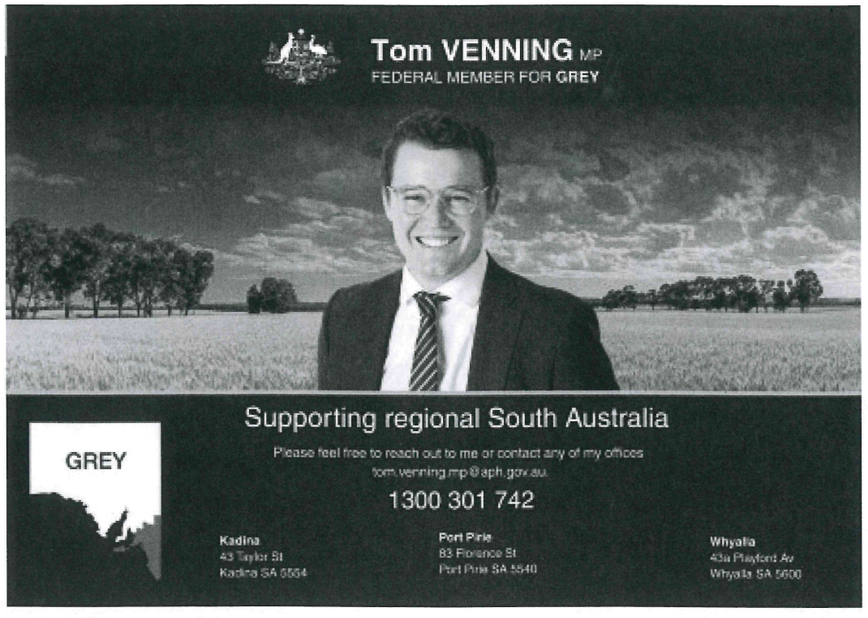
For those on a Commonwealth Home Support Program or a Home Care Package, meals can be subsidised in conjunction with your aged care provider.

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!

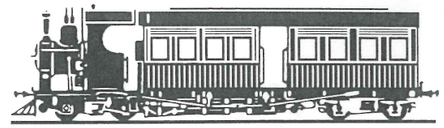
For any enquiries, please contact your aged care provider or

Bungala Food Service on 8643 5500

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FOOD SERVICE



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SEPTEMBER WAS A busy month in PRR which included the start of the school holidays. In total we had three Afghan Express and three Pichi Richi Explorer services running.



Our numerous passengers and PRR volunteers thoroughly enjoyed the spectacular and varied scenery of the Flinders Ranges and micro industries between these two towns.

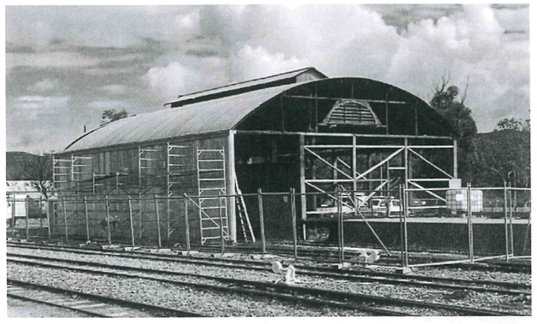
October promises to be another popular time for hundreds of passengers who will be enjoying the trains in the school holidays.

Congratulations go to many of our wonderful volunteers who continue to work on carriage and loco restoration projects at the depot and



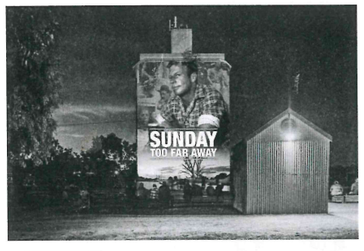
trackwork through the Pichi Richi Pass.

ABC radio recently interviewed Brian McKay about the Goods Shed project down in Quorn





Station, which was originally built in 1879. There have been special film screenings during September on the Quorn silos to celebrate the movie 'Sunday too far away 'which was filmed in Quorn in 1973..



Timetable & tickets

2025 timetable: www.pichirichirailway.org.au/train-services/timetable

Considering Volunteering?

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

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SA Arid Lands Landscape Board News

GRASSROOTS GRANTS

More than $10,000 will be spent on three projects in Quorn as part of the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board's 2025/26 Grassroots Grants round.

Quorn Community Landcare Group received $4150 to plant the rare Dutchman's Daisy (*Senecio Megaglossus*) and complete signage at the Pithi Kawi Bush Food Garden.



The garden entrance will be enhanced through mass plantings of the Dutchman's Daisy alongside complementary low-growing local native species. A native plant known for its resilience, delicate flowers and role in local ecosystems, the Dutchman's Daisy plantings will create a visually appealing and ecologically significant feature.

The project will involve propagation of the daisy, installation of irrigation piping, protective plant guards and interpretive signage. The signage will provide educational content about the ecological roles, traditional uses and cultural significance, helping to raise awareness of all the species.

Spirit of the Flinders received $4000 to establish a culinary-focused bush food garden adjacent to the Maker's Centre and Bakery in Quorn.

The garden will demonstrate how edible native plants can be used in small scale home gardens, promoting water-wise gardening. It will include native lemongrass, muntries, bush banana, quandong and desert lime, selected for their hardiness and their culinary values.

Interpretive signage will accompany the plantings to support education about species identification, cultural significance, and culinary applications.

The South Australian Native Foods Association received $2900 to run workshops that aim to provide a better understanding of native plant foods as an alternative income source in a changing climate.

Landholders in the Quorn district will be encouraged to incorporate native plant foods into their agricultural practices, offering a sustainable and climate-resilient option to diversify from traditional crops. Informative fact sheets will be available in print and on the SANFA website. The adoption of native plant foods can see more sustainable land use, preserving the natural landscape and biodiversity.

Port Augusta—Quorn Landcare Group

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board 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 at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden on Friday 17 October. 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

Peter Hatch's 90th Birthday Celebration

PETER HATCH CELEBRATED his 90th birthday on 9 August (DOB 19 August) amongst family and friends at the Quorn Bowling Club

Craig Hancock acted as MC for the evening and Dr Tony Lian Lloyd and Mal Garner, one of Peter's best mates, gave speeches in Peter's honour

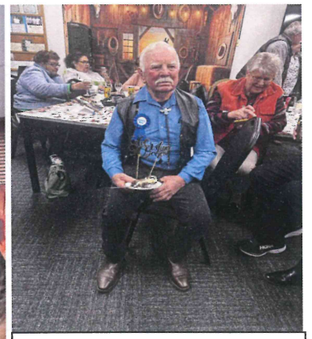
Around 80 - 90 people helped Peter to celebrate, some coming from as far afield as Wentworth in Queensland. ■



From left at rear: Ross Warner, Chrissy Hatch, Peta Hatch, Jody Hatch, Jenny Litchfield, Peter Hatch Jnr.
Front from left: Robyn Warner, Peter Hatch, Sue Hatch, Robert Hatch.



Mal Garner



Peter Hatch enjoying his birthday cake



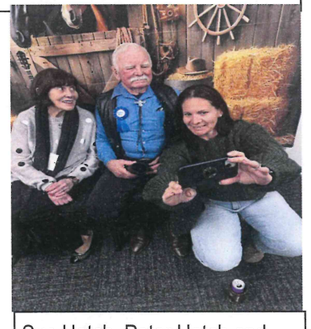
Peter with some of his great grandchildren



Mary and Ron Stokes



Chrissy Hatch and Craig Hancock



Sue Hatch, Peter Hatch and Danni Vernon (granddaughter)

Out and About in Quorn



Peter Slattery gave an inspirational talk on the legendary *Postie Bike Run* to the Probus Club. The Run raises money to provide support accommodation to families impacted by cancer.



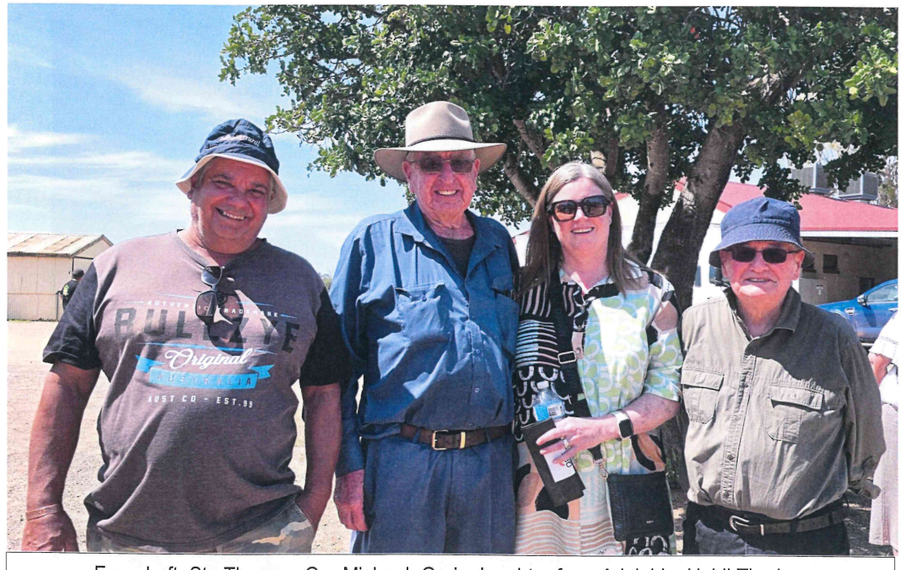
Raeleen Clarke, exploring the variety of craft items for sale at the show



Di Williams
Posing with the incredible metal sculpture of a draught horse on the Probus excursion to Cleve, Eyre Peninsula



The Blessing of the Animals
Families gathered at The Old tennis Courts with a variety of pets on Saturday October 4 with Father Mark Whybrow for the blessing of their cherished animals.



From Left: Stu Thomas, Gar Michael, Gar's daughter from Adelaide, Heidi Thoday, and Ray Crawshaw, Gar's brother in law from Tasmania



Most Outstanding Bloom of the Show



Always a popular attraction at the Show, children love to get in amongst the animals at the Rainbow Animal Farm



Members of the Port Augusta Music Club in fine form at the show

Horses in Action at the Show



Sammi McCarthy and Billara Woodbine, the Best Jumping Combination of the day



Amelia Greenfield (HIA Convenor) and Kenlock Super Luna, winners of the 70cm and 80cm



Sarah Mifsud and Lawlington Park Diamonds N Pearls, winners of The Shiralee Equestrienne, Champion Show Galloway and Supreme Ridden Exhibit.



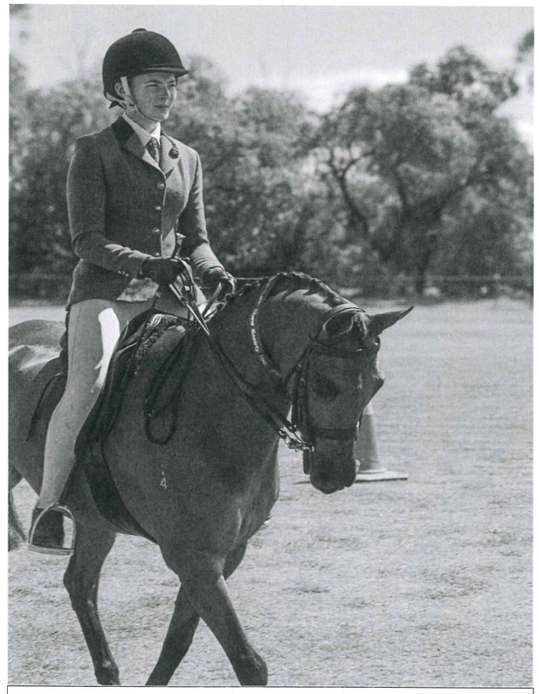
Christie Lippett & Scarlet, Champion Walk/Trot combination



Right: Jordan Vandenbroek and Lebanese Trader, winners of the Senior Top Score



Eve Schaefer and Rivington Folk Lullaby, winners of the Led Best Presented and Reserve Champion Led Breed



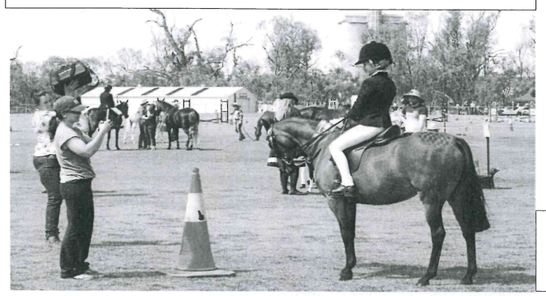
Ella Holtham & Arinlea Double Secrets, winners of the Show Hunter Pony 12.2hh ne 14hh, and Champion Show Hunter Pony



Ella Bailey and Hillbilly Foolin' With Fire, Junior Kanyaka Champion



Ella Bailey and Hillbilly Foolin' With Fire, winners of the Ranges Country High Point Award (having competed in rings 1, 2 and 4)



Left: Ocea Mallard and Bamborough Aphrodite, Reserve Champion Show Pony

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Aliah McDowell with the shorn fleece



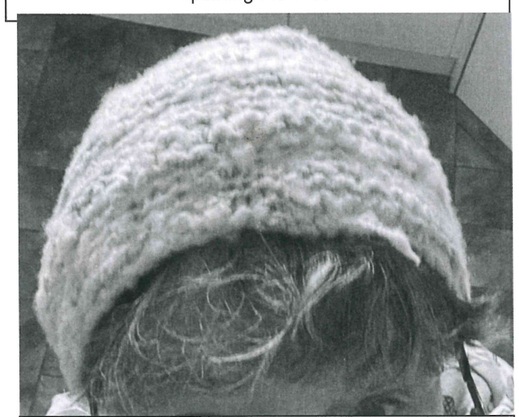
Spinning the Wool



Wool Spinner, Leanne Crocheting, Helen Knitting



After washing - the Beanie slightly felted



The knitted beanie before washing

Hawker History Group 2025 Exhibition Opening

Hawker War Memorial Swimming Pool

Sunday 26th October

Afternoon tea & opening

(bring a plate or $5 donation)

ALL WELCOME

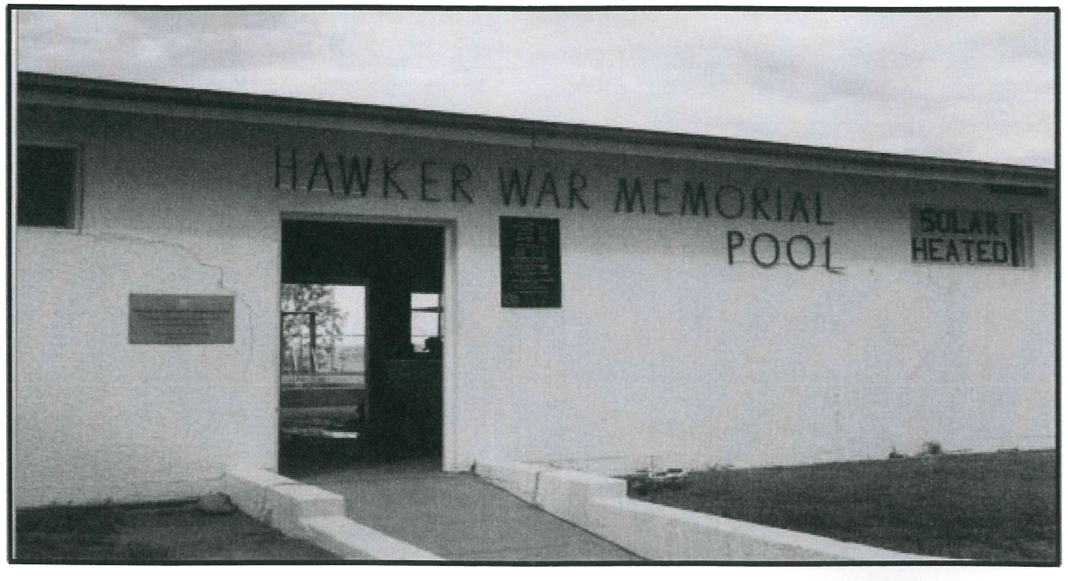
Exhibition then open from 31st Oct. to 16th Nov. 2025

10.30 – 1.30pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Hawker Institute, Elder Terrace

Tells of the community effort to fund raise to establish and maintain the swimming pool.

Stories of those who worked to teach hundreds of local children to swim and the memories of those who learnt to swim and swam at the pool.



QUORN BOWLING CLUB



Left: President Ted Paynter presenting Grant Lever with Life Membership.

Below from left: Kath Altmann, Barb Flower, Patsy Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Peter Crisp, Jordie Hilder and Grant Lever.





From left: Colin Roughton, Des Finlay, Richie Paynter, Matthew Britza, Nigel and Riley Crisp, Geoff Evans and Club President Ted Paynter.

THE QUORN BOWLING CLUB held their Opening Day on Sunday 21September.

The day began with a BBQ and salads lunch, followed by the life membership presentation to Grant Lever our current club secretary. Ted Paynter, president, presented Grant with his life membership badge and a list of all positions Grant has held over the years from being secretary for 15 years, games manager six years, assistant games manager four years; and proxy selector one year. Grant is certainly a very worthy recipient and the club is so grateful to have him as he spends countless hours voluntarily overseeing all aspects of our club. Grant has also won many club championship events.

After the presentation, we had three rinks of fours play six ends each game to finish off the afternoon.

The club welcomes four new members for the 2025-2026 season: Fiona and David Anderson and Chrissie and Steve Brindal.

The Quorn Bowling Club is now applying for a grant to replace the current synthetic surface which has been down for 10 years.

Men's Division 1 started on Saturday 27 September, Division 2 pennants begin 11 October and the ladies Pennant Competition begins on Thursday 9 October. Ladies Open Day will be held on Friday 10 October.

Night Owls competition will begin soon on a Friday night and we welcome anyone who would like to play to turn up by 7pm and $5 to play. A notice will soon be placed on the noticeboard near the front gate, Railway Terrace. ■



QUORN MEN'S SHED

ALL WELCOME

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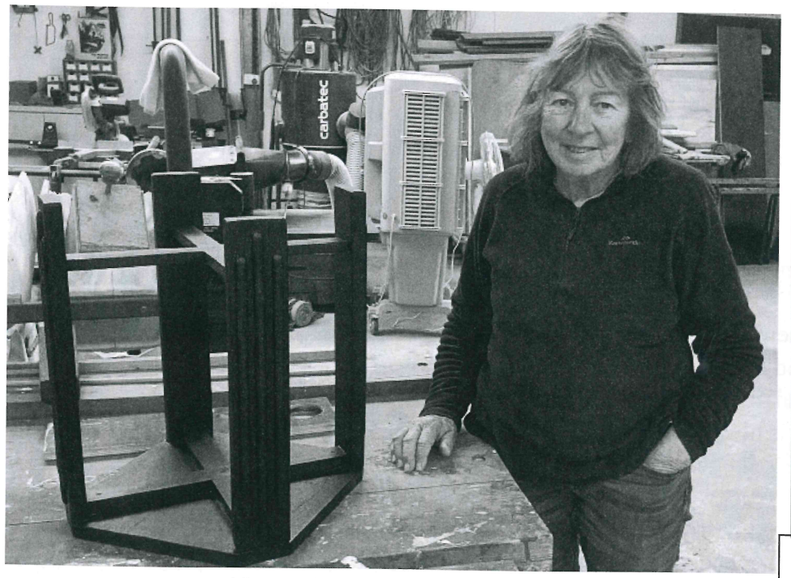
MEMBERS HAVE BEEN BUSY organising our annual raffle - tickets will be sold and drawn at the Quorn Show.

On a sad note Terry Smith's mum passed away this month and our condolences go out to him and his family.

The Tuesday Ladies afternoons have been working well and they have been busy working on projects for their homes. Thanks to Lothar, Andrew and Colin for providing guidance and assistance to these ladies.

On the men's side, we have been refurbishing display shelving for a local business and have made an outdoor setting which will be available for sale to help fund our shed projects.

Thanks also to the Council for delivering gravel to enhance the entrance to their storage shed which was low lying. Our contribution is to rake and level it out which will enhance the area. ■



Minette with her finished coffee table.



Cupboard finished for local business.

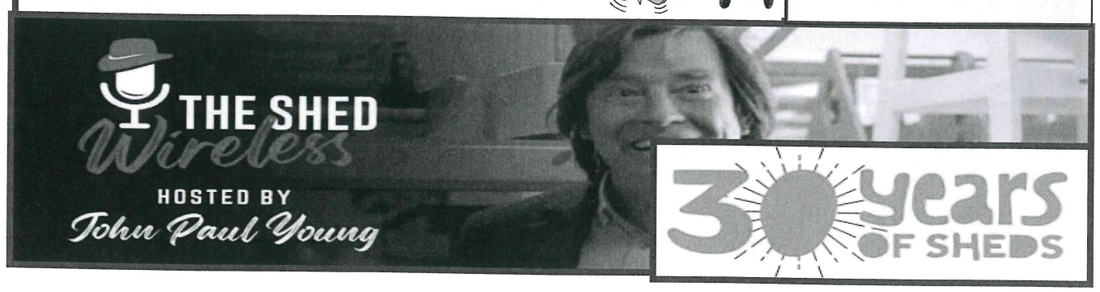
Shed breakfast at 0900hrs on 2 and 16 October.

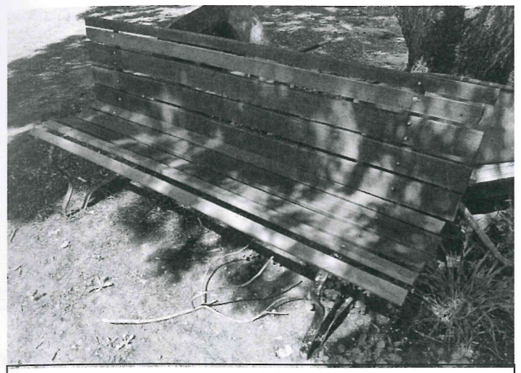
Hamburgers for workers lunch,
on 9 and 23 October.

Cuppa 0900 to 1400



Membership is now due: $35.00.





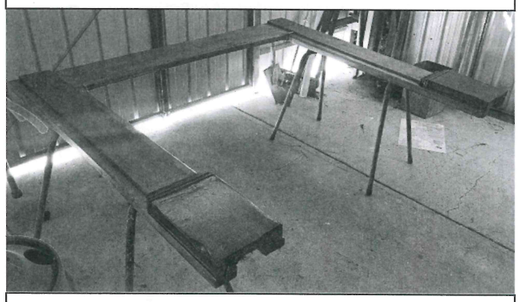
Council park bench fixed



Lothar painting stool slats.



Ian welding garden frame supports.



Fire surround polished by Amanda.

Shed Funnies

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

Trust science. Studies show that if your parents didn't have children there's a high probability you won't either.

Only in maths problems can you buy 60 cantaloupes and no one asks, "What the Heck is wrong with you?"

When I get a headache I take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says.

Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting.

"Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40 minute flute solo".

I envy people who grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine. I'm ageing like milk: Getting sour and chunky.

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep.

He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.

Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your partner when dinner will be ready while they're mowing the lawn. ■

Australian Men's Shed Association
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CHAPMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Part 10.01

FAMILY OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH CHAMPMAN
Children of Liddon and May Chapman

Liddon and May were to have 9 children, namely Alwyn, Patricia, John, Coral, Gwen, Josie, Val, Rose and Colin - this first segment of the children covers Alwyn, Patricia, John and Coral.

All the children attended schooling at St. Josephs in Quorn.

Alwyn Chapman, who together with Bill Altman, took up an apprentice ship as a butcher with Colin Pearce butchers at Quorn.
Alwyn represented Quorn in participated boxing competitions.



BOXING
Monster Inter-town Tourney
PALAIS AUGUSTA
In aid of Port Augusta Ambulance Transport Fund.
FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1944,
at 8 p.m.

Senior Bouts of Four 2 Minute Rounds

Bobby Patterson (Augusta)	V	Lionel Litchfield (Whyalla)	
Tommy Faure	V	J. Turner	
Danny Bryans	V	G. Matthews	
Brian Fountain	V	B. Parkinson	
Jimmy Bourke	V	J. Patterson	

Youths' and Boys' Bouts of 3 Rounds Each

N. Smith (Quorn)	V	A. Grantham (Augusta)
Richie Leahy (Quorn)	V	R. Langsford (Augusta)
P. Smith (Quorn)	V	Ted Pepper (Augusta)
Al. Chapman (Quorn)	V	Ron Carn (Augusta)
Mickey Sause (Quorn)	V	M. Langsford (Augusta)
G. Kennealey Quorn)	V	J. Kernahan (Augusta)
Jim Bryans (Augusta)	V	Rex Pepper (Augusta)
Peter Silverman (Augusta)	V	C. Young (Augusta)
Ray Martin (Augusta)	V	Doug Martlew (Augusta)
Colin Martlew (Augusta)	V	J. Keane (Augusta)

Also OTHER BOYS' BOUTS

A GRAND NIGHT'S BOXING ASSURED.

Direction—Port Augusta Boxing Committee. Snowy Ritchie, Publicity Off

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Alwyn and his sister Coral assisted in selling tickets for the well known Harold Raymond Show that toured country areas in the 1940s and 1950s raising money for the Townsend House in Adelaide which supported assistance for the blind, deaf and dumb persons.

Harold Raymond's Merrymakers

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION BY PACKED HOUSE

Following a sensational run on the West Coast, Harold Raymond's talented company of Merrymakers made entertainment history at Quorn on Wednesday, March 14th, when all records were smashed — the hall was jammed full from door to footlights to witness a show of such high quality that added even to the high entertainment stature of the promoter and his company. Chockfull of fun, Percy Carter and his jests were an antidote to the drought, and the old Quorn boy is a well of humour that never runs dry. Mohamed Ishaq, the fantastic Indian mystic showed the successful method of playing with fire, and gathering florins from the air with ease A wizard with the crayons, Edwin Barclay is entertainer de luxe. His lightning colour sketches put beauty on paper — the answer to a digger's

Miss Elsie Robbins is a ventriloquist, and with Joe won the hearts of her audience, while Miss Madge Johnson sang most pleasingly.

Mr Raymond has "Maureen" well tuned to the latest and most appealing of violin selections, while "she" is an affectionate a conversationalist as ever. Mr Raymond thanked all who had assisted him, including Mrs Mahoney (Criterion Hotel), Mr and Mrs Eley (Hotel Australia), Messrs C Prettejohn and W. Edwards (door), and Mr and C. J Stephens (advertising and ticket sales). Of a house of about £46, around £40 worth of tickets were sold by the following children :

Norman Smith (first prize), Billy Williss (second), Alwynne Chapman (third), Ray Williss, Percy Joyce, Rhonda Clancy, David Martin, Maureen Clancy, Coral Chapman, Harvey Fell. These children are heartily thanked for their splendid effort.

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SUCCESSFUL PICNIC RACES AT QUORN

PORT AUGUSTA HORSE WINS MAIN EVENT

VETERAN RUNNER REGISTERS DOUBLE VICTORY

A most successful picnic race meeting was held at Quorn on Saturday under ideal conditions. The course was in excellent condition following the rain during the holidays and followers of the sport were present from Port Augusta, Hawker, Wilmington and the surrounding districts. Final figures are not yet to hand, but the committee is pleased with the results and the Oval Improvement Fund should benefit handsomely.

The main event, the Handicap was won by the Port Augusta horse, Great Spirits, ridden by R. Pearce. Pearce was reprimanded by the stewards for causing interference to the second horse, Shacklebar, who lost some ground as the result of the occurrence.

Royal Patrol, ridden by A. Laidlaw, had an all the way win in the Flying Handicap and Ray Grantham's Ashwell took the Welter.

The veteran northern athlete, J. B. Whitford, appears to improve with age and won both the sheffield and allcomers' 100 yards handicap in convincing style. Whitford has turned 45.

Blue Point, owned by Mr. N. Spiers, of Mern Merna, proved to be in a very obstinate mood. In the Welter he stayed at the barrier, and later, after the clerk of the course had assisted to send him away, d'slodged his rider, A. Laidlaw. In the last event he was ridden by A. Spetra, but again refused to either line-up or leave the barrier and eventually threw his rider.

A publican's booth and afternoon tea stall did brisk trade and the running of the races was very ably described by Mr. J. Finlay. Mr. O. Prettejohn, the starter, used his own barrier and despatched the fields in good lines. Other officials were: Clerk of course, Mr. J. Larkins; judge, Mr. T. Finlay; stewards, Messrs. W. T. Foster and R. J. Cooke; clerk of scales, Mr. H. Roberts; handicapper, Mr. J. Lock; treasurer, Mr. B. Fisher; committee, Messrs. W. Edwards, H. Moss, L. McHugh, F. Flowers, P. Ganley, J. H. Chapman, T. Hoskins, M. Gray, Ben Chapman, C. Pearce, J. Williams and secretary, Mr. A. Laidlaw.

The Mayor of Quorn (Mr. A. Thompson), presented the trophies at the end of the sports and appealed for continued support for the fund.

The president (Mr. A. Williams) and the committee desire to thank all those who assisted during the day. Special mention is made of the Girl Guides, who handled the afternoon tea.

RESULTS IN DETAIL

HACK RACE (5 furlongs). Miss H. Pearce's New Look (R. Pearce), 1; Mr. J. H. Chapman's Betham (A. Laidlaw), 2.

FLYING HANDICAP (6 furlongs). Mr. J. H. Chapman's Royal Patrol (A. Laidlaw), 1; Miss H. Pearce's Bruree (R. Pearce), 2; Mr. J. Fullerton's Hot Air (K. Oxlade), 3.

TRIAL STAKES (6 furlongs). Mr. S. Voigt's Dunnera Lass (G. Dann), 1; Mr. J. Chapman's Betham (A. Laidlaw), 2.

HANDICAP (9 furlongs). Mr. O. E. Pearce's Great Spirits (R. Pearce), 1; Mr. L. Nicholl's Shackle Bar (W. Edwards), 2; Mr. E. McMahon's Rob All (A. Laidlaw), 3.

WELTER (7 furlongs). Mr. R. Grantham's Ashwell (R. Pearce), 1; Mr. S. Voigt's Dunnera Lass (G. Dann), 2; Mr. G. Shammell's Monwyn (G. Shammell), 3.

CONSOLATION SWEEP STAKES (5 furlongs). Mr. M. Slade's Sharada (W. Edwards), 1; Mr. E. McMahon's Rob All (A. Laidlaw), 2; Mr. J. Chapman's Reunita (A. Chapman), 3.

Musical Chairs: A. Chapman.

Best Pony: Mickey (R. Finlay).

All Comers Handicap (100 yards), J. B. Whitford.

Sheffield (130 yards): J. B. Whitford.

Flag and Barrell Race: A. Chapman.

A bright dance was held in the Memorial Hall in the evening. Music for dancing was provided by the Rhythm Dance Band and Mr. A. Williams carried out the duties of MC.

Transcontinental Newspaper, Friday 21 January 1949

Alwyn also worked and rode horses for his Uncle Jim Chapman at Endilloe.
Alwyn later moved to Adelaide in the 1950's where he was engaged as a butcher by a large supermarket chain.

Patricia Chapman helped out with domestic chores for Uncle Jim at Endilloe. In 1946 Patricia married and moved to Port Augusta where she participated in health care and nursing.

John Chapman worked for his Uncle Jim at Endilloe rode track work with the horses and successfully rode in the Quorn Picnic race meetings.

John married a Port Pirie lass and moved to Adelaide where he ventured in a number of business ventures.

John never lost his love of horse racing , often making the journey to Melbourne to attend the Melbourne Cup races.In 2014 John was a resident of a nursing facility but never lost his cheeky smile.

Coral Chapman was another family member who assisted with the domestic chores at Endilloe. Coral was also a good basketballer (netball) in 1940s.

As seen in the newspaper article above in Alwyn's notes, Coral assisted with the sales for the Harold Raymond Concert.

Coral married Rex Whitaker of Port Augusta and moved to Port Augusta.

Coral spent many hours participating in fund raising activities for the Cancer Council.

Coral and Rex had seven children: Greg, Lauren, Glen, Donna, Fred, Dennis and Kerry. ■



L to R – (first 3) - Aster Williams, Coral Chap-

Chapman--Digance Wedding

CEREMONY AT QUORN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Quorn Catholic Church was the scene of a charming wedding recently when Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Chapman, of North Quorn, was united in holy matrimony to Frederick Ashley Digance, of Port Augusta.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. C. Chapman, wore a dainty frock of flat crepe with a georgette yoke and a long beaded train. Her tulle veil was kindly loaned by Mrs. J. O'Brien.

Sisters of the bridegroom, Miss Betty Digance in a green lace frock with a shoulder length veil, and Miss Gladys Digance, wearing a pink taffeta frock with a ruched bodice and

Extract from the Quorn Mercury 7 March 1946



John with his wife Peg and cousin Christine Chapman during an activity at the nursing facility.



Coral and Rex at their 50th Wedding Anniversary



Coral and Peter Chapman catch up for a family history chat

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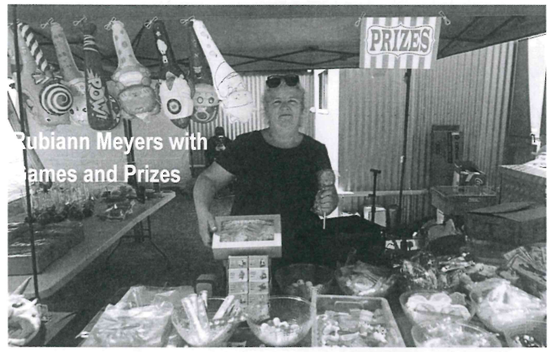


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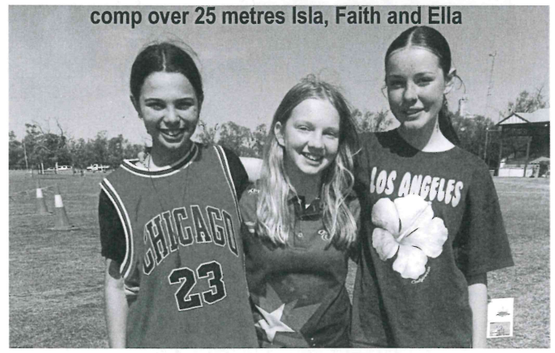


Rubiann Meyers with Games and Prizes

Winners of the children's under 16 Wool Bale Rolling comp over 25 metres Isla, Faith and Ella



Fun and Games with the Meyers Family



Isaac and Cam winners of the Men's Wool Bale Rolling comp in a blistering 29 seconds over 50 metres.



Photo by Michelle Thomas





James the Magician and happy spectator



The amazing Sword Trick

Where's the blood?

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.

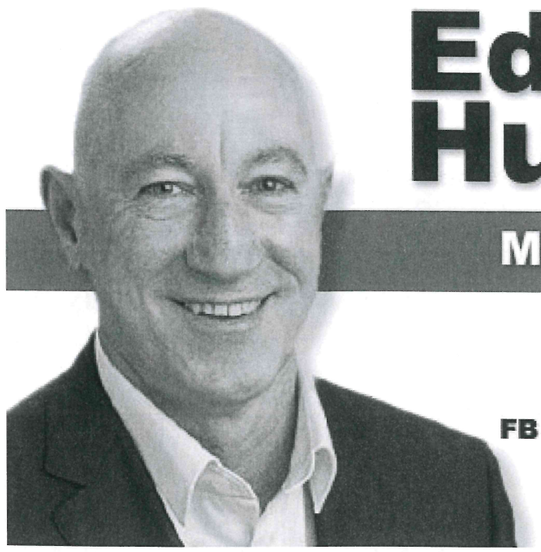






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- Provide advice and assistance on State Government matters relating to the Giles electorate and Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Refer you to the appropriate service provider or Government agency if we cannot provide the service
- Assist community organisations and sporting clubs with grant applications
- Provide advice on possible funding sources for community projects
- Assist with the preparation of petitions and table them in State Parliament
- Justice of the Peace Services



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20 Years Ago

October 2005

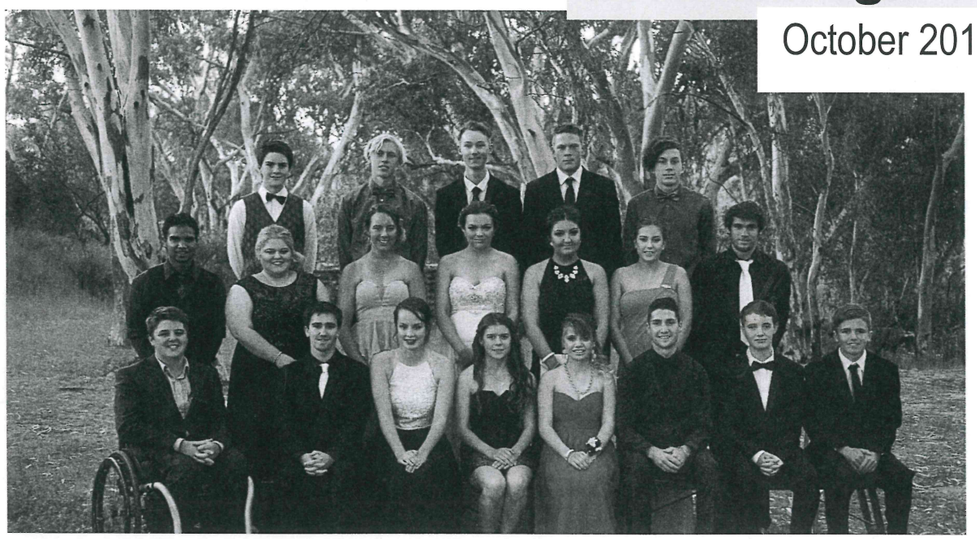


Grand Final winners—Quorn Netball Club A3 Reserve team, Back L-R Kylie Bennett, Sandra Wilson (coach), Fiona Pyman, Karen Smith, Brianna, Anne Ash, Front L-R Natasha Martin, Karissa Nobes, Daneaka King, Chloe Jones.

MNSEC Formal Orroroo September 18

10 Years Ago

October 2015



Above: Quorn Area School students who attended the MNSEC formal on Friday 18th
Back Row: Patrick, Eric, Connor, Uwain and Jason.
Centre: Keenan, Lizzie, Kirsten, Anna, Tori and Mark. *Front:* James, Jarred, Katherine (visitor) Fallon, Shanaii, Daniel, Marty and Kade.
Photo courtesy of Clive Palmer photography Jamestown.

Country Health Connect Quorn Update

October 2025

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Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

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Under 65yrs register for any care needs: CALL 1800 003 307

Quorn August 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
42	261	24	2	0

Allied Health Professionals October 2025 Visiting Schedule				
16th Oct	**21st Oct**	**22nd Oct**	**23rd Oct**	
Diabetes Ed Dietetics	Podiatry	Diabetes Ed	Physiotherapy Speech Pathologist	

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
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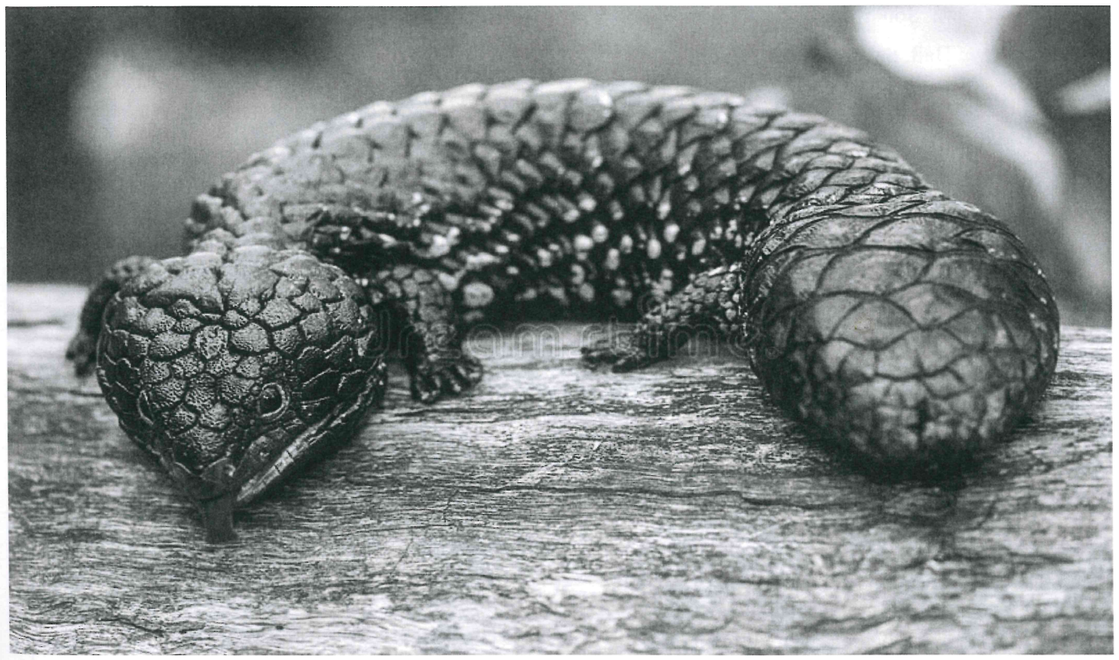
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Rainfall 2025

Jan	3.4mm
Feb	1.6mm
March	6.4mm
April	1.8mm
May	0.2mm
June	27.4mm
July	94.8mm
August	30.4mm
September	25.3mm
YTD	191.3mm

Shingleback skinks often have tails that rival their heads in size. This is a defence mechanism used to confuse their predators. If under threat, they will wiggle their tails to draw the attention away from their head. A shingleback's tail is also used for fat storage (r/natureismetal) Shinglebacks (*tiliqua rugosa*) are getting active around Quorn with the warmer weather—watch out for them on the road, moving slowly. Do you know what is the top speed of a shingleback lizard?



October 2025

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist

Diabetes Education

Dietitian

Physiotherapist

Occupational Therapist

Speech Pathologist

Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706

October 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 10.30am

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

Uniting Church
Sunday Services 10am

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Quorn Hawker Cradock Events October 2025

Regular Events

Quorn

Story Time 15th and 29th 10am
Wednesdays at the Quorn Library See Facebook for dates

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
Everyone is welcome come along 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
Travel may well broaden the mind, but it certainly narrows the bank account. *W.G.P*

Events

Quorn Quandong Festival 25 to 26th
Featuring special guest Sophie Thompson and Andrew Fielke
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Food, music, art and Sustainability
The Quandong Festival will be engaging and interactive. Hosting stalls laden with Quandong products, interactive cooking demonstrations, art exhibitions and cultural performances.
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Flinders Ranges A Brush with Art
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Sprit of the Flinders Makers Centre
Workshops as part of A Brush with Art program
5th Oct Drawing 101 – Build your skills

Hawker General Store
features works by regional South Australian artists in diverse themes and mediums, all available for purchase alongside locally made artisan products

Quorn Produce and Craft Market
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. Last Sunday of every month, 8:30am, First Street

Halloween Quiz Night 31st at 7pm
food and drinks available on the night cost $45pp with tables of 6. Bookings ring Tickle Belly Hill 0498 747 357.
Come dressed in Halloween costume, for a fun night of trivia and treats.
Check out Facebook and or notice boards for future events

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

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

Sprit of the Flinders Makers Centre
Quorn's hub for curated gifts, workshops, traditional newsagency items and rural essentials. Brought to you by Flinders Gin!
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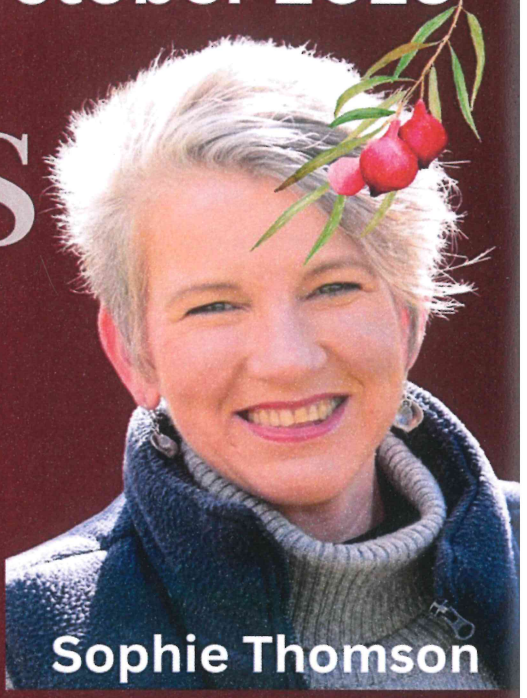
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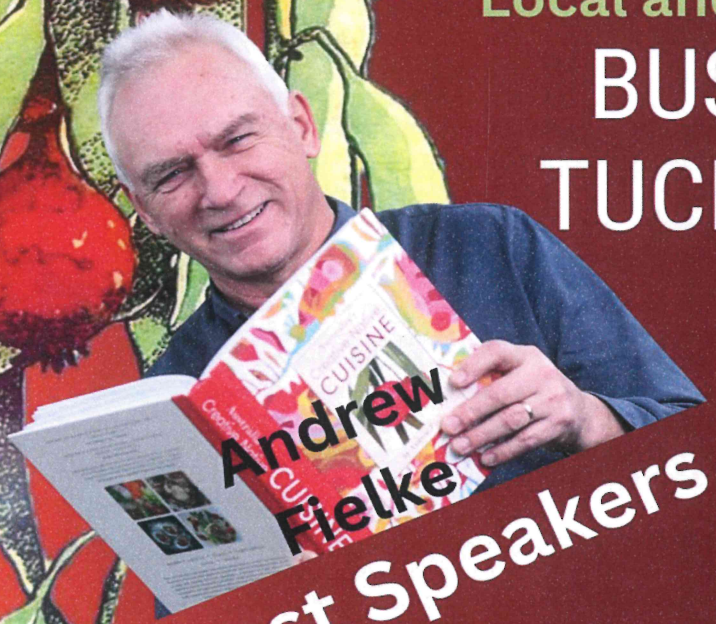
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Local and Native

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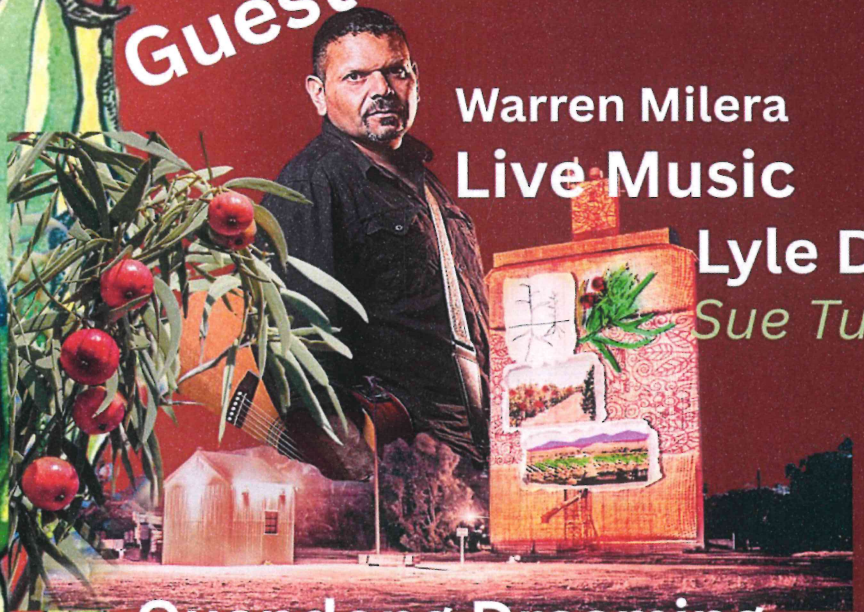
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Guest Speakers

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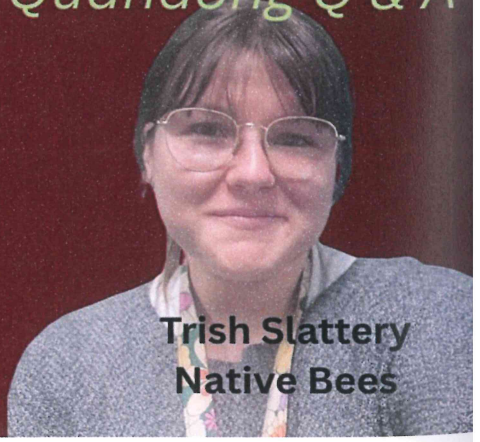


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Live Music

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Sue Tulloch Quandong Q & A



Trish Slattery

Native Bees

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