Quorn Mercury

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Misty May Mornings



Above- fog winding it's way across Pepper Tree Lane taken on May 21
Photo by Bronwyn Filsell



May 28, Hannigan St, with no sign of Pool St

WELCOME TO THE JUNE edition of the Quorn Mercury. With the continued episodes of rain in recent weeks, it is not surprising to wake up to mist and indeed fog, as autumn draws to a close. Visitors will enjoy the softer hues of colour, in contrast to drier times. It is such a pleasure to witness the Flinders Ranges environment in its many moods.

Thank you to all contributors who send in their news and photos that record the history of Quorn while it is being made.

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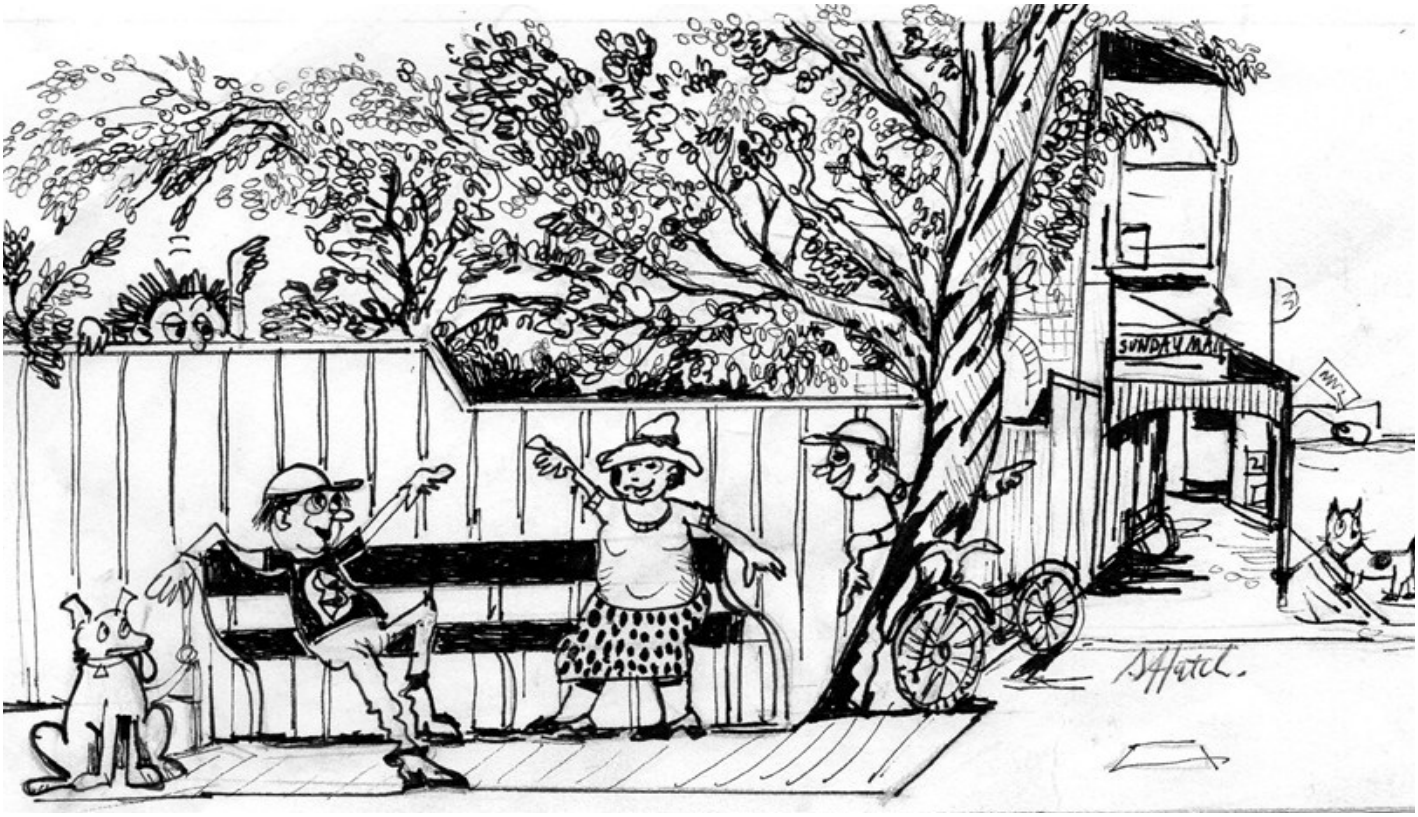
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Chat with a Quornie
Sarah Kruger



Good day Quornies and thank you to the Mercury Team for thinking I have had an interesting life thus far to be entertaining enough to contribute to this monthly column. I wasn't sure if it would be the case, but when I sat down and reflected on my life's adventures thus far, there's been a few.

Where do I start?. I am the oldest of 5 children and was born in Port Augusta to Greg and Dianne George; long time locals who I'm sure many of you know.

My early childhood was simple and uneventful, attending Quorn Area School for my primary years; I loved sport, playing with my friends and being involved in the community.



The five siblings: Mark and Sarah at the back nursing Tom with Simon and Kate in the front

At a young age I grew to love tennis, representing the state and playing alongside some famous names you may have heard of, Hewitt and Molik.

This passion saw me obtain a scholarship to Mercedes College in Adelaide where I attended high school from years 8-12 and continued my dream of playing professional tennis.

In Adelaide, I lived with my mum's cousin (to me she was my aunty), her husband and their 4 children in Torrens Park. They took me in and looked after me like one of their own, my 'aunty' would take me to all of my trainings and games on weekends and it wasn't until later in life that I have had the chance to reflect on how lucky I was to have a second family who would run me around all over the place when they also had four other children; some playing state level basketball, and all with their own commitments.



Sarah with Yvonne Cawley (Goolagong)

Following year 12 my passion for tennis faded and I slowly withdrew from competition and rarely picked up a racquet, until more recently with the reinvention of the Quorn

Tennis Club. You would honestly never know I played tennis at a high level if you watched me play now though.

At the completion of Year 12 I came back to Quorn, before starting university, and as most of you would know Quorn on Christmas Eve can be quite the party. This is where I met my now husband, Damian Kruger (Kruger) over 26 years ago as a 17-year-old (I'm not counting the interaction we had previously which involved me sneaking into the Pastoral Hotel as a 16-year-old with fake ID.)

I was reasonably academic at school and obtained a position at UniSA in the city studying Medical Radiations – Radiation Therapy. For those of you unaware, Radiation Therapy is an effective treatment modality for certain cancers, both in the curative and palliative setting and I absolutely loved working in this field. I was employed by Adelaide Radiation Therapy Centre (ARC) and worked between St Andrew's and Flinders Private Hospital for the next three years.

Travel has always been, and continues to be, a huge part of my life. So, after three years working in Adelaide, we decided it was time to spread our wings and venture overseas. Before settling down to work in Dublin, Ireland, we planned a six-week trip to the Caribbean to follow the Australian Cricket team around for the 2007 World Cup with a couple of friends. We had a few nights in Miami, during their spring break, which was fun, before heading off to explore the beautiful islands of St Lucia, Grenada, Barbados and Antigua with the bonus of watching the cricket along the way; we had an absolute blast.

To top the trip off the Australians ended up winning the Grand Final and we drank far too many rums along the way.

Following the Caribbean, we flew to Dublin to commence work and settle down for a while. I had secured a job prior to leaving Australia at the Mater Private Hospital where I worked as a Radiation Therapist. It was here I worked for the next four years and made some lifelong friends. Kruger obtained a job in an engineering firm with a great bunch of people, and we settled into Dublin life amazingly.

The next four years were filled with many travels and adventures; we never sat still for too long. Flights were cheap and we jumped on any bargains we came across; the best bargain we got was a 2euro (equivalent ~$3 AUD) return flight to Nice in the South of France. We also did what most Aussies do when living so close to Europe; Running of the Bulls, Oktoberfest, Gallipoli, ski trips, Paris Disneyland, just to name a few. We were very fortunate to visit many UK and European cities and sites during our time away.

Kruger played AFL footy with the Dublin Demons which had a mix of Aussie and Irish players in his team. At a pub visit after a game one of the players girlfriends came up to me and said: did you go to Mercedes? I was on the other side of the world and meet up with a girl who was a year below me at school in Adelaide. We are still great family friends to this day, with them returning to live in Adelaide. The Dublin Demon family was a great one and included many road trips around the countryside to play footy, including Cork, Galway and Belfast.

These trips hold some very fond memories. We even had a few players that made the Irish team who came over to Australia to play in the AFL World Cup and Kruger got to be their runner on the MCG.



Sarah and Kruger in the snow at Bad Gastein, Austria



Sarah in Paris with the Eiffel Tower behind her

Our time in Ireland was meant to only be for one to two years, but we loved it so much that we wanted to extend our time, I ended up getting sponsored by my work which allowed us to stay on.



Ready to run with the bulls, Pamplona Spain

In 2008, on Kruger's 30th Birthday, we were in Las Vegas and decided it would be a good day to get married. So off we went to the Little White Wedding Chapel and married we were, no family or friends and a random witness. We were handed a roll of film, a photo album to put the photos in once developed, our wedding certificate and we were sent on our way.



Sarah and Kruger on their wedding day

Following this we went to Downtown Vegas; we were staying at the famous Golden Nugget and celebrated with a caricature drawing of us and dinner at an elite steak restaurant overlooking the strip. I wouldn't have had it any other way. I loved it. Although I'm still not sure if it counts as an official marriage, but I've changed my name and that's enough for me, ha ha.

We had many friends that came to visit us during our time overseas and we loved showing them the Irish countryside, or meeting them in other countries and exploring together. A few hours and you were on the other side of the country.

At the end of our third year away I fell pregnant, I had an uncomplicated pregnancy and come December in the depths of an Irish winter, with snow all around us, I went into labour. So instead of getting in our car, I jumped on our local bus and caught it into the Rotunda Hospital, it was a very slow trip due to the snow, but I made it and Noah was born safely.



Sarah, Kruger and Noah, Christmas in Dublin

We then all enjoyed our last Irish Christmas together in the snow before preparing to return home to Australia. Our life with a baby in Ireland would not be the same and I felt the need to get back home around family. So, in March 2011 we returned to Australia, via Hong Kong, staying with



The Kruger family returning to life in Australia

friends we met in Ireland. One of the best times in our lives had come to an end. Although we have managed two trips back since then to catch up with all our old friends and surprise one of my best friends for her wedding.

On return to Australia, I decided I wanted to be back in the country near my family and unfortunately Radiotherapy is a profession that is only available in Adelaide. So, a new career change for me it was. I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to go back and complete my post graduate degree in Sonography with a training position through Jones Radiology. I had three months of hands-on training in Adelaide, in conjunction with two years of study and then I was moved to Port Augusta where I remain today.

That was almost 15 years ago now. I will never forget turning up to my last ever practical exam at 38 weeks pregnant, and everyone thinking I was their scanning subject. Thank goodness Maya held on until after all my study was completed. She was born in 2013 and was the last baby to be born in the Quorn Hospital, she completed our family.

For the last 10 years I have also had my own small business, Beyond the Bump Imaging, based in Port Augusta, where I offer 3D baby scans to expecting mothers and make it an intimate bonding experience for the entire family.

We have built two homes since returning to Quorn with our second being our forever home on 12 acres with beautiful views of the ranges surrounded by nature. Since returning home I have immersed myself in the community, being heavily involved in the netball club as well as the tennis and swimming clubs, Parents and Friends etc, I am happy to help in any way I can within the community.

My kids love their sport, so our days are now spent following and supporting them, something we love doing.

I know how valuable living in a small community is and Quorn has my heart. ■



Maya, Sarah, Kruger and Noah

Editors's Note: Sarah was awarded Active Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day 2026 Awards by the Flinders Ranges Council.

Stirling North Market Day

Markets are held on the **3rd Saturday** of the month at **Stirling North Progress Association,** 32–40 Quorn Road, Stirling North SA

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MARKET DATES 2026

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MAY 16TH	SEPTEMBER 19TH	

PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •

After a hectic April, May was quieter for the Pichi Richi Railway, although it did see our first Afghan Express and Coffee Pot Heritage Rail Experience services. It was great to see good passenger numbers even though there are still concerns related to the ongoing Middle East crisis.



It was also great to see the weather improve to enable some lovely clear days and great views of the green Southern Flinders Ranges.

Maintenance activities have continued apace with a number of working bees occurring including track, steam locomotive and rolling stock mechanical.

Our volunteers have continued to be busy on specific projects. These include:

- substantial completion of the culvert works at Curve 81/82
- demolition of the old Woolshed Flat toilet block and installation of the new one. These works should be complete in early June. Thanks to Steve Flower and Liam Bury. We look forward to the fresh new facilities.



- Ongoing restoration of the Goods Shed. As well as final works to the adjacent Platform, planning for the major roof restoration is continuing. These works are planned to be completed by the end of the year.

One can only admire the skills and energy of members who complete all of this work amongst the beautiful scenery.

Training and assessment of our volunteers is a key activity to ensure sustainability of the Society. It was great to see Ethan Key (pictured right) achieve his Guard qualification following assessment by David Fisher. Arnold Krueger is going through his Fireman training, and there are many other volunteers on similar paths.



The Pichi Richi Railway celebrated National Volunteer Week between 18 and 24 May. We spotlighted one of our newer volunteers, Wayne who is currently undertaking Car Captain training and then hopes to assist as a Guard in the future.

The Pichi Richi Railway is also keen to support other Societies and attended Steam Ranger's RailFest at Mt Barker on 24 May. Thanks to all those members who put up their hand to volunteer. It was great to see everyone have a good day and have the ability to catch up with other railway enthusiasts.



We are always on the lookout for new volunteers so please contact John Humphries at volunteer@prr.org.au or on 08 8641 1527 if you would like to volunteer at the Pichi Richi Railway.

Considering Volunteering?

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Quorn Area School April/May 2026

Health and Wellbeing Tennis Excursion Year 10 and 11



On Wednesday, March 15, the Year 10 and 11 learners in Miss Evans's Health and Wellbeing class walked to the Quorn Community Oval to play tennis. It was a bright, sunny day and it was great to see all the learners have a go. We completed some tennis drills and then learners played either singles or doubles tennis. Although no scores were kept, Riley and Sam were able to keep a rally going for the longest time. Thank you to Steph who joined us on our excursion.

Secondary Assembly



Cass Evans, with Award winners.

On Thursday March 26, the Year 7 class hosted a secondary assembly. It was great to see the year 7s confidently speak in front of the assembled learners, parents and staff, and to have representatives from each secondary class share what they've been learning about.

All learners spoke clearly and behaved respectfully throughout the assembly.
We celebrated the success of learners so far this year (pictured above).
Camron Snelgrove – SAASTA Cultural Award,
Lachy Heinz and Dacie Wright – Inquiring Ivy Award
Faith Brooks – Ownership Ora Award
Ena Zerbe, Amilia Fuchs, Ebonie Werth and Lilly Winders – Persevering Pete Award
DJ Lloyd-Campbell – Reflective Rae

We would also like to sincerely thank Ian and Anne, representatives from the Quorn Lions Club, who joined us at the assembly. They spoke to learners about the work that they do and future opportunities for volunteering. The Quorn Lions Club also presented Ella and Clyden, representatives of Quorn Area School, with a cheque for $3300 to go towards the 2026 Canberra Camp. We are very appreciative of such a generous donation. This assembly was very successful and all learners who were involved deserve congratulations and we are looking forward to hosting more secondary assemblies in the future.

Canberra Camp Update



Cameron Butler, Ebony Werth, Lily-Mae Butler and Martika Williams

We are counting down the days until we leave for Canberra. Learners are incredibly excited about the adventure that they are about to have. Our final fundraiser for the camp will be a community dinner and bingo night.

There will be an important meeting for all learners who are attending the camp and their caregivers on Monday, June 15 (week eight) at 6pm at the school. This meeting will involve discussing the final itinerary, outlining behavioural expectations and consequences. It will also be a chance to ask any last-minute questions or discuss any specific requirements, medications or supports that your learner will need during the camp.

Our Canberra Camp jumpers have arrived and we would like to sincerely thank BHP for their generous donation of warm jumpers for learners attending the camp. This will ensure that we are not only warm but can easily identify our group in Canberra.

Science & Design Technology - Foundation Class



Foundation Class students

In Science and Design Technology, the Foundation Class finished their unit exploring the movement of objects and are beginning a nnew topic focused on creativity and designing. In Week 2, students enjoyed completing the milk, food colouring, and dish soap experiment, where they observed colourful reactions and discussed what was happening during the investigation.

Police Visit with Constable Emily Fenwick

On Tuesday 5 May, our school had the exciting opportunity to take part in a Police Visit with Constable Emily Fenwick. Sessions were held throughout the day for Foundation–Year 2, Years 3 –6, and Secondary classes, giving all learners the chance to participate in engaging discussions and hands-on learning experiences.

The visit helped learners build their understanding of community safety, the role of police officers, and the importance of trusted adults and safe places. During the Foundation–Year 2 session, learners explored a range of police equipment, including a radio, torch, handcuffs, badge, and gloves, with many excited to safely view and handle some of the items.

Learners across the school were highly engaged and asked many thoughtful questions, which Emily answered with kindness and enthusiasm. It was a valuable and memorable experience for everyone, and we are very grateful to Emily for spending time with our school. We would love to welcome her back again in the future!

Adelaide University Rural Health Alliance Visit

On Friday 1 May, our secondary learners had the exciting opportunity to work alongside visiting Adelaide University students studying medicine, dentistry, nursing, and biomedical sciences. This session provided learners with hands -on experiences and valuable insight into the wide range of career pathways available within the health industry.



Amilia Fuchs and Navaeh Pool with university students.

Jovial Michael, Daniella Lutz, Amari Voigt and Skylar Butler working on the experiment



Through each station, learners explored a variety of practical activities, including examining X-ray scans, practicing CPR techniques, using stethoscopes, conducting simple medical examinations on one another, and working with model teeth and fillings. The interactive workshops gave learners a fresh perspective on the skills, study, and teamwork involved in health professions while encouraging curiosity about future career possibilities.

The visit was a fantastic learning experience for our learners and we are hopeful this partnership may also lead to a future visit from the Teddy Bear Hospital program for our Junior Primary learners.

Art with Ms Fowler - Year 1 and 2

Stage 1

Declan Hoare and friends



Stage 2



Annie Carn and classmates.

Stage 3

Millie Pyman completing her artwork.



SA Arid Lands Landscape Board News

PORT AUGUSTA-QUORN LANDSCAPE GROUP

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board (SAAL) supports seven Landscape Groups across the region to ensure it remains connected with community and local landscape issues. The Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group's Quorn-based members are Richie Paynter, Renata Hackett, and Pauline Zanet.



Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group Members at their meeting in May. Present are Rebecca Buono, Francene O'Connor, Garret Miller, Richie Paynter and board member Jodie Harris.

The group meets every two months with the next meeting to be held on Friday 24 July 2026. 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

CARBON WORKSHOP

If you attended one of our introductory carbon workshops at Quorn or Cradock in 2024 – or even if you didn't – you might be interested in a Carbon farming and accounting workshop coming up in Quorn. The workshop will be held at the Spirit of the Flinders 10am-12.30pm on Thursday 18 June with lunch provided. Participants are welcome to stay longer for help entering their own property data. The workshop is designed as a practical next step.

You will receive a refresher on carbon markets, credit opportunities, how carbon works in your system, why it matters, and key strategies for managing emissions before delving into Carbon accounting. Take a guided walk through inputting a case study into carbon accounting software, with a look at both Agriculutral Innovation Australia (AIA) and Sheep & Beef Greenhouse Accounting Framework (SB-GAF).

Book your place: https://events.humanitix.com/carbon-farming-refresher-and-accounting-workshop

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Rangelands Bus Tour

Focusing on cattle production, this tour will travel to Alice Spings and visit cattle producers in the surrounding MacDonnell Ranges. 25-31 October 2026. Applications open 1 June.

SMARTER GRAZING, STRONGER LANDS

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Landholders across the SA Arid Lands have an opportunity to receive support in adopting new decision making tools or technology on their properties, such as groundcover tracking, feed budgeting, stock monitoring, or other decision-support technologies. The project supports trial and implementation of tools

Participants can be involved in two ways:

- Mentoring sites: 1:1 or group training and workshops with tool experts over two years.
- Demonstration sites**:** Up to $35,000 for setup costs, including installation and infrastructure.

All participants will have access to the SA Drought Hub, peer learning, and ongoing support. For more information, visit the Landscape SA website or search *Smart Grazing, Stronger Lands.* Applications close 12 June 2026. Contact Jade Leyden on 0438 990 399 for enquiries.



Quorn Meals on Wheels

Quorn Meals on Wheels has been delivering fresh meals to residents in Quorn for nearly 50 years

Meals are cooked fresh at the Quorn hospital and delivered five days a week
The service is run by volunteers

If you are on a Commonwealth Home Support Program or a home care package, you are able to access Meals on Wheels

Contact your aged care provider
or
Kath Altmann on 86486058 for more information.

20 Years Ago

June 2006

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Quorn's Greatest Shave



Quorn's Great Shave –Among those who took part in the World's Greatest Shave at the Transcontinental Hotel on May 5 were Back L-R Bruce Hannigan, Tony (Hector) Keen, Emily Coad, Jordan Dodman, Roger Wilson, Scott Reubenicht, John Pearce. Front L-R Tanya Turner, Katie Walsh, Anne Calliss, Lorna Daw, Marlene Jenkins, Grant Carter. Others to take part in the event included Trevor Woodifield, Ian 'Wobbly' Watkins, Garry Roeby and Karl Crombie.

10 Years Ago

June 2016

Great Northern Lodge Conference Centre

Building works have begun on the new Great Northern Lodge and Conference Centre.

With the unusually long season of warm dry conditions, contractors (all local) have been able to make great headway with the construction.

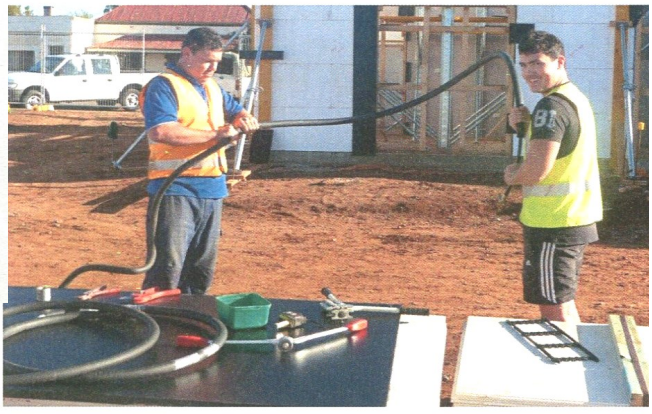
From dawn till dusk on Tuesday 17th May, the concreting team worked to fill two of the lower level buildings with concrete. The building is constructed using FormPro foam blocks, filled with concrete and eventually rendered and painted.The product has been used because of its leading sustainability, thermal and acoustic properties.

The foundation stage of the Great Northern Lodge site has now been completed.

Below: From left: Mark Francis and Corey Finlay-electricians.



Below; From left: Feyne and Todd Kaesler; plumbers;



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Quorn Community Landcare Group Activities

As the end of financial year approaches, we thought we'd share some of the great activities that have been happening around the region with the Landcare group over the last 12 months.





Left and above: Tag-a-long tour and plant walk at Maloney's Farm near Bruce. The day focused on Bullock Bush regeneration



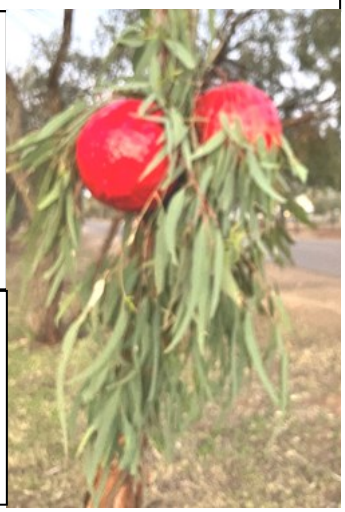
Quorn Show Landcare stall with kids activities, information and give aways.



. 2025 Show theme was the Three Little Pigs – highlighting importance of feral pig monitoring and control.



Left – a group of visitors and locals who joined in on one of the native Plant Tours around Quorn with ABC TV personality Sophie Thompson. Walks were hosted by Landcare volunteers during the Quandong Festival Season.



Right: Giant papier-mache quandongs made by the volunteers to showcase bush foods in Quorn over the Festival weekend.

Guided Flora Reserve Tours

Volunteers opportunistically maintain the paths and weeds along the access track in the Quorn Flora Reserve. Several guided walks have been offered through the area, with more planned for the rest of 2026 now the season has provided rain



and good growth conditions. The plant communities have responded really well to the late summer rain, despite a lot of plant deaths late last year (particularly Acacia continua).

Senecio odorata and Senecio megaglossus have been propagated to help protect the species from going locally extinct. It is a favoured food plant of feral goats, and only grows in the rocky ranges and hills around Quorn.

Our volunteers have been active with monthly seed collection and rare plant propagation. Bags of valuable native grass seed and an assortment of shrubs and tree seed have been provided to local





Above: Elspeth Lyman collecting ripe Senna seed at the end of summer.



. Andrea spraying Fleabane near the seed nursery to keep seed collection clean from weeds.



Mr Fuller's propagation nursery



Kurt pegging in seeding native grass sheaths for paddock regeneration.



Ferals in Focus



Flaxleaf Fleabane (pictured right) is an invasive weed moving quickly around the Quorn region, and was a focus species for the Landcare group this year. Pine Oil herbicide has been trialled to use as a control on seeding Fleabane plants in the Grass Seed Bank plantings in the Bush Food Garden. Fleabane commonly invades disturbed sites.

Natives of Note

Quorn Landcare maintains an active presence on social media, with regular informative posts on their Facebook page.

The series of posts on Chenopods (this is the large family name for saltbushes and bluebushes) was very popular with readers.

The start to 2026 with the rain and warm conditions, has been an ideal season for many very important plants and birds to recover in number and

The Dutchman Daisy (*Senecio megaglossus*) is a beautiful flowering shrub native to the region around the Dutchman Stern range. This small shrub was historically found in numerous pockets of rocky hills across the ranges near Quorn. Recent dry conditions and the large numbers of goats (which find this shrub delicious to eat) in the



central Flinders region have drastically reduced its population across the region over the last decade. Members of the Landcare group have been patiently propagating this plant through seeds and cuttings to make sure the species does not go locally extinct. This lovely shrub will continue to be planted around town and be showcased along the Pithi Kawi trail.

There are many species of *Senecio* native to the Quorn region, they are also known as 'Groundsels', and belong in the native daisy family. They make stunning garden feature plants with their bright yellow flowers and attractive foliage.

Then and Now – progress in the Quorn Bush Food Garden



2021 to 2026. Five years of growth has resulted in multi storey habitat, now home to numerous birds and reptiles, not previously found in the parklands. Splendid Fairy wrens and Thornbills are now living in the swale habitat, feeding on insects. Small birds need to roost and nest in dense growth, this helps to protect them from cats and other predators. Clearing understorey destroys habitat for many native bird and reptile species. These animals are integral to control insects like lerps and caterpillars that can damage larger trees.

Do you want to be involved with grassroots activities around Quorn? Keep an eye on our Facebook page, look for regular notices in the IGA window, or put your name on the email list at quorncommunitylandcaregroup@gmail.com

Biochar workshop

Sharon Taylor hosted a biochar making workshop at her Quorn property on Saturday 9 May. Sharon demonstrated the pyrolysis process and explained quenching and inoculation; the processes used to make great biochar for your garden or paddock.

Sharon explained the process as the fire progressed, watching for ash to form on the final layer before carefully introducing water to gently extinguish burning.

The workshop produced a kiln full of squeaky, shiny charcoal infused with moisture ready to be inoculated with bacteria from a range of sources such as rice water and milk to help feed plants exposed to



What is biochar? Biochar is a form of charcoal used in soils to improve fertility. Biochar can improve aeration and increase soil moisture holding capacity. It is produced using pyrolysis and quenching, making use of waste timber and woody organic matter. Production of biochar is a successful method to capture and store carbon.

The workshop was attended by 16 enthusiastic learners who all had the opportunity to get hands-on. Feeding the kiln in which the biochar is produced was a highlight, providing opportunities to learn vital safety practices and techniques and to watch the biochar take shape.





the biochar. As Sharon noted, feeding the soil is a very effective way to ensure healthy plants.

Biochar can be used in different ways but the recommendation for soils in this region is to bury the biochar when planting out to maximise moisture and nutrient retention.

The quenching process ensures the carbon in the burnt timber is retained, ensuring it is not released into the atmosphere. A range of other incidental uses for biochar was discussed including filling a pair of socks to stuff into smelly runners to absorb the pong; mixing with chicken feed to produce chicken manure inoculated biochar; using in moisture absorption settings like windows that suffer a build up of moisture on the inside; even mixing some in with Stanley's dogfood to staunch those room-clearing farts - pheweeee! ■

Magpies and Metabolic Bone Disease

It's estimated that 30-60 percent of our households feed wildlife. For millions of Australians this is seen as a harmless way to connect with nature, and brings pleasure to the individual.

Take our native Magpies for example, these intelligent birds are capable of recognising humans, forming bonds and even 'singing for their supper', quite beautifully too. This connection can be irresistible. There is a price for this act of feeding however, and it isn't the humans that pay….

Metabolic Bone Disease.

It's really very simple. A Magpie requires certain nutrients, particularly calcium, to be healthy and to produce healthy young. The eggs laid by the parents consist of a shell that is almost pure calcium, albumen that acts as a protein filled cushion, and nutrient rich yolk to sustain the embryo. If the female has filled up regularly on human foods lacking vital nutrients, such as bread or mince, she simply won't be able to produce an egg of sufficient quality to create a healthy chick.

This can create Metabolic Bone Disease, leading to eggs not hatching or chicks being born with deformities or weaknesses.

Many humans simply refuse to accept this and vehemently support their desire to feed.



"I never see any deformed birds" - This is because many have already died or simply not hatched. It is also because many birds are not visibly compromised.

"I only buy expensive mince" - If you feed your children so much chocolate they have no room for fruit, vegetables and healthy protein, they will be seriously unhealthy whether the chocolate is fine Belgian or Aldi own brand. Mince is inadequate regardless of cost.

"That beak didn't fall off because the bird ate bread, it has hit a window" - I have rescued hundreds of birds that have hit windows at full speed with no damage to the beak. A healthy beak is incredibly strong and won't break during fighting or even striking a window unless there is a weakness in the structure.

"I only feed them a snack and not every day" - seven people in the street say the same. Magpies do the rounds.



There is often indignation when an animal with a broken beak is euthanised, people claiming that vets can 3d print a beak to utilise. Apart from the fact there are barely the funds within the sector to treat and care for our wildlife traditionally, never mind exotic techniques, a prosthetic beak must have a solid foundation to mount to and a compromised beak soft from MBD is far from that. There is a simple solution. Stop feeding.

This is why everyone volunteering and working in wildlife are against feeding our birds. They are quite capable of getting their own food and it is considerably better for them in every way. If you wish to commune with the wildlife, plant up natives and they will come. Leave out water.

Regardless, many people will still choose to feed our wildlife. If this is you, I implore you to research suitable foods and methods to cause minimum harm.



The Wildlife Rescuer

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

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

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







My office can help you with

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



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New Ultrasound for Hawker Hospital

A NEW HANDHELD ULTRASOUND vein finder will help improve patient care at Hawker Memorial Hospital following a $7,241 donation from Freemasons SA & NT, supported by the Quorn Lodge.

The funding has enabled the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary to purchase a butterfly handheld ultrasound vein finder machine, providing doctors and nursing staff with advanced technology to assist in delivering faster, safer and more comfortable treatment for patients across the Hawker and Flinders Ranges communities.

The equipment will assist staff in locating veins in difficult cases, particularly for elderly patients, babies and people requiring urgent treatment or ongoing medical care. It can also be used for a range of bedside diagnostic procedures including bladder scans, nerve blocks, foetal heart rate monitoring and identifying foreign bodies or infections.

Hawker Memorial Hospital is the last hospital north along the Outback Highway, servicing not only local residents but also travellers, tourists and remote communities throughout the Flinders Ranges region.

Representatives from Quorn Lodge recently joined members of the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary and hospital staff for a cheque presentation and afternoon tea to celebrate the donation and the partnership behind the project.

Nurse Unit Manager Kate Ticehurst demonstrated the new machine during the presentation and outlined the benefits it would provide to both staff and patients, while Acting EO and Director of Nursing Trudy Bowshire thanked the Auxiliary, Quorn Lodge and Freemasons SA & NT for supporting the initiative.

Quorn Lodge members, including Scott and John Teague, supported the application after recognising the important role the hospital plays in delivering healthcare services across the region, including emergency response support for tourists and travellers.

Hawker Hospital Auxiliary President Carmel Reynolds said the new technology would make a significant difference for both patients and staff at the Hawker Memorial Hospital.

Mrs Reynolds said: This equipment will help improve comfort and care for patients who often face difficult or stressful procedures, particularly elderly residents, children and people requiring ongoing treatment.

For a small regional hospital like Hawker, having access to this type of modern technology is incredibly valuable and will help staff deliver better care closer to home.

We are very grateful to Freemasons SA and NT and the Quorn Lodge for recognising the importance of regional healthcare and supporting our community in a practical way.

Quorn Lodge Master Scott Teague said members were proud to support a project that would deliver lasting benefits to the Hawker and Flinders Ranges communities.

Mr Teague said: regional hospitals play a critical role in supporting local communities and travellers alike, and this project stood out because it provides practical benefits for both patients and healthcare staff.

Our members were pleased to work alongside the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary and Masonic Charities to help bring this equipment to Hawker Memorial Hospital.

Freemasons SA and NT Grand Master William Merrill said: Freemasons have a long history of supporting regional communities and this donation is another example of local people working together to improve important community services. ■



John Hills, Steve Fawcett, Jane Tanner, Carmel Reynolds (Hawker Hospital Auxiliary President) Scott Teague (Quorn Lodge Master) John Teague and Darryl Fels



Terry Smith celebrated his 70 birthday at Tickle Belly Hill with his family ,
with a surprise visit from his son Joshour ,
Pictured above, Terry's wife Heather, Josh, Terry, Jan Noden, Brian Smith,
Mel Noden



Left: Heather Terry and Josh Smith enjoyed some time together to celebrate Terry's 70th Birthday

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Pat Wright was tak
celebrating her 97t

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Celebrating
thdays in Quorn



en to the Quandong Cafe for lunch on the18th April
th birthday with members of her family and friends.



Pat enjoyed a morning tea at Flinders House for her 97th birthday on 16th April. She shared her birthday cheesecake with some of the residents within Flinders House. Thanks go to Tanya Paynter for her organisation ensuring residents enjoy their special occasions



A crowd gathered at the Quorn Silo screening of the documentary about the making of the film *Bitter Springs.*

Bitter Springs was produced in Quorn in 1949 and released in 1950

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ANOTHER MONTH HAS BEEN AND GONE, and the Quorn show and even Christmas are looming on the horizon.

Very busy in the shed this month with refurbishing two park benches for the Council. They will go where the old stone brick fence was at the back of the Criterion Hotel on First Street for additional seating so that'll be a good asset for the community. Lothar and I have been busy making a hall stand with a red gum top which should be finished later this month.

Terry, Lothar and I went out to Proby's grave last week and had a look at the condition of the fence around the actual grave. We have put a proposal to Council to replace the wooden fencing surrounding the grave. We will do it as a community project if if we can get the material costs covered by either Council and or community donations. It s a very popular spot for tourists to stop at the grave and look at the headstone and read the history. It would be good if we can get it done.

The girls side of things has been going well. They meet on Monday mornings and have been quite busy with their own home projects and we have been able to give them a bit of advice and a bit of banter! That's about all I think for now.

We trust Rod and Jan Jarvis have a safe trip over to the West. Thanks goes to Rod and Jan for the donation of their trailer to the Men's Shed. We are now refurbishing it and it will be available for use by the members.
Both the Jarvis' will be missed within our community. Ian.



Col working on old chest.



Gum hall stand slab.



Kingsley and Ken doing tractor cutout for Christmas show



Brother Louis with Father Mark.

Brother Louis enjoys visiting the Quorn Men's Shed, especially if there is any chicken left over after our breakfast.





Ian helping Narelle work on iron gate.



Lothar and Jordan cutting kindling



Lothar and Terry doing BBQ at Austral Hotel.

Chair, wobbly leg fixed.



Below: Col finishing chest repairs





Shed breakfast at 0900hrs on
4 and 18 June.
Hamburgers for workers lunch,
11 and 25 June.
Ladies workdays
Monday Mornings

Shed Funnies

Laura's dishwasher quit working, so she called a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a cheque." Oh, by the way, don't worry about my bulldog, Bob. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot! I repeat, do not talk to my parrot!"
When the repairman arrived at Laura's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking bulldog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.
The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing, and name-calling.
Finally, the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled, "Shut up you stupid, ugly bird!"
To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Bob!"

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Library NEWS

Libraries SA

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Libraries SA

Being Digital

The final *Telstra Tech Savvy Seniors: Being Digital* session was held at the library on May 1, 2026. Participants explored practical topics such as filing photos, and creating and organising document folders, with plenty of time for questions and hands-on support.

While this marked the end of the formal sessions, the library remains a place for ongoing digital help. Anyone with questions or needing assistance is encouraged to drop in—no question is too small, and learning begins by asking.

We hope all who attended enjoyed the sessions and gained confidence in building their digital skills.

LIBRARIES SA one card

Our Library is a One Card Library, that enables you to use your card at any South Australian Library.

New Releases

Fiction

· **The Writers Retreat – Victoria Brownlee** A struggling author attends a French writing retreat that turns sinister as she uncovers dark secrets about its charismatic host.

· **The Name Game – Beth O'Leary** Two strangers with the same name become entangled in a witty, heartfelt mix-up that leads to unexpected romance and self-discovery.

· **One Night at Silver Lake – Katherine Scholes** A woman's longing for motherhood sparks a life-changing journey across continents, exploring love, loss, and belonging.

· **The Garden Room – Hannah Puechmarin** A reflective story about grief, healing, and rediscovery set around a house where past and present quietly intertwine.

· **The Couples Retreat** – A luxury weekend for three couples on a remote island turns deadly when a murder traps them together, exposing secrets and suspicion among friends.

· **When the Party's Over** – After a frightening accident involving their toddler at a birthday party, three women are forced to confront the cracks in their friendships, marriages, and lives.

· **Caller Unknown** – When her daughter is kidnapped, a mother must follow chilling instructions from an unknown caller, pushing her to the limits of what she will do to save her child.

· **When Lemons Give You Life – Anna Johnston:** A retired chef in an aged care home rediscovers purpose and connection when he secretly starts cooking again, uncovering family secrets and the possibility of second chances.

· **Where There's Smoke – Karly Lane:** A woman returns to her rural hometown and is forced to confront old relationships, buried secrets, and whether she truly belongs in the life she left behind.

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· **The Bookshop of Buried Pasts – Sarah Clutton:** After her grandmother's death, a young woman uncovers a mystery tied to an old bookshop that spans decades, continents, and long -hidden family secrets.

· **Murder in Paris – Kirsty Manning:** A historical mystery set in Paris where secrets from the past resurface as a modern character investigates a death linked to art, love, and wartime intrigue.

· **A Deadly Episode – Anthony Horowitz:** A crime mystery in which investigator Susan Ryeland is drawn into a new murder case connected to a TV adaptation and a suspiciously familiar fictional detective.

Non-fiction

· **The Importance of Being Miserable – Eamon Evans** A humorous and honest look at embracing life's low moments as a meaningful part of being human.

· **Bookish Crafts: 40 Fun Projects for Book Lovers – Kanlin Butler** A creative guide filled with imaginative DIY projects inspired by books and reading culture.

· **Big Sky: When the Emu Left the Earth – Bruce Pascoe & Ray Norris** A thoughtful conversation blending Indigenous sky knowledge and modern science to explore humanity's connection to the cosmos and Country.

· **True Crime – Patricia Cornwell:** In this memoir-style account, the author reflects on her experiences with real criminal cases, revealing the personal impact and obsessive drive behind her work in forensic crime writing.

· **Ain't Nobody's Fool: The Life and Times of Dolly Parton – Martha Ackmann:** This biography explores Dolly Parton's rise from poverty to global stardom, highlighting her talent, resilience, and enduring influence on music and culture.

· **Clean in 15 – Iwan Carrington:** A practical guide offering quick, simple cleaning routines designed to help busy people create a cleaner, calmer, and more organised home in just minutes a day.



Story-Time









Firstival

THE POPULAR FIRSTIVAL PROGRAM is returning to the Quorn Library this July, bringing with it a packed calendar of creative workshops, social gatherings and hands-on learning opportunities for the local community.

Firstival is an annual initiative run by Public Libraries South Australia that encourages people to try something for the first time at their local library. Held across libraries throughout the state, the program celebrates learning, creativity and community connection through fun and engaging events for all ages.

Quorn Library will once again be taking part, offering a diverse range of activities throughout July.

Kicking things off on Wednesday 8 July will be a Japanese stab stitching workshop, where participants can learn the traditional art of decorative book binding and create their own handmade notebook.

Children aged 7 to 11 years can look forward to "A Night at the Library" on Thursday 9 July, promising an evening of stories, activities and after-hours library fun.

Local history enthusiasts are invited to hear from Tegan Whalan on Tuesday 14 July as she presents practical ways to begin writing your own history. The session aims to provide simple and achievable ideas for recording family and community stories before they are lost.

For those who enjoy cards and a social outing, a Canasta Night will be held on Thursday 16 July, offering a relaxed and friendly evening for beginners and experienced players alike.

Rounding out the month will be a 3D printer presentation on Friday 31 July, giving community members the chance to discover how modern printing technology works and the many creative possibilities it offers.

Library staff encourage community members to save the dates and keep an eye out for further details and booking information in coming weeks.

For all who seek new experiences.
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When was the last time you did something for the first time?

QUORN
Business Group

CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY NEEDED

At our AGM late last year, the Quorn Business Group was unable to fill the positions of **Chair and Secretary** for 2026. These are essential roles for the continuation of the group.

Quorn Business Group supports local businesses through networking opportunities, information sharing, training access, and collaboration. Without volunteers to step into these leadership roles, the group cannot continue to operate effectively.

The outgoing Chair and Secretary will assist with a handover to ensure a smooth transition.

If you are a business owner and willing to contribute a small amount of time each month to support the small business sector in Quorn, we encourage you to get in touch.

Please email:
quornbusinessgroup@bigpond.com

Let's work together to keep the Quorn Business Group active and moving forward!

Probus Report



L-R Mary Francis, Carlene Voight, Lyall Voigt, Dianne Williams, Betty Eckert, Kath Altman, Lyn Flockton, Wandy Smith, Sue Holmes, Fanny Coulthard, Lorraine Pumpa, Meredith Heymink.

MAY HAS BEEN A BUSY TIME for the Probus Club. On April 27th the group visited the Whyalla Steelworks. The guided bus tour was most enlightening, seeing the many sights of the steelworks that cannot be viewed from the highway as a passing motorist. The group thoroughly enjoyed the tour which was followed by a delicious lunch at the Westland Hotel. Naturally a spot of shopping followed the lunch.

Guest Speakers for the May meeting, Jamie and Verity McTaggart, gave an insight into their innovative businesses: Bultarra Saltbush Lamb and SPS Civil Pty Ltd.

The Mc Taggarts are breeders of organic Dorper sheep and have recently branched out into civil construction. Their mission being to offer certified organic saltbush lamb and high quality civil projects in the hard to reach areas of South Australia.

Patsy Reynolds, our esteemed Deputy Mayor, gave an introductory speech on Mable, an innovative way of delivering services to the care sector.

On 25 May, eighteen enthusiastic members headed to Blinman. The drive was a fabulous sight indeed.



Left: Guest Speakers Jamie and Verity McTaggart with Carlene Voigt.



Left: Deputy Mayor Patsy Reynolds delivered an introduction to Mable.

The greenery of the hills culminating with the native hop bushes of Blinman was a sight to behold. Two adventurous members, Bob and Margaret Rankin ventured down the Blinman Mine for a first hand look at the historic copper mine.

After a delicious morning tea at the bakery and a wonderful lunch at the Blinman Hotel, the sights of the return trip awaited.

The Great Wall was an interesting stop off enroute to Quorn. Some of the cohort braved the Parachilna Gorge. A wonderful day was had by all.



Bob and Margaret Rankin at the entrance to the Blinman Mine.

The rally driver award goes to Lyall Voigt who braved the gorge road.

Probus always welcomes new members and meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Town Hall. ■



Back Margaret Rankin, Bob Rankin, Geoff Voigt, Minette Gorecki, Dianne Williams, Lyall Voigt, Meredith Heymink, Lyn Flockton

Front Elaine Wakefield, Bob Wakefield, Fanny Coulthard, Lorraine Pumpa, Wandy Smith, Carlene Voigt, Betty Eckert, Miriam Lehman, Geoff Roberts, Heather Roberts.

QUORN LIONS CLUB

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED what Lions International does? Here's some background information. There are nearly 50,000 local Lions clubs operating in more than 200 countries. Together, these clubs boast a worldwide membership of over 1.4 million. Quorn Lions has eight members.

Some of the activities Lions Club International are involved in include Blood Cord research, Save Sight, Hearing Dogs, Diabetes research, to name a few. Our club contributes to all of these. Most of the revenue our club raises goes back into the community of Quorn. We recently donated $300 to the Pageant Committee to help pay for portable golf courses.

It is with regret that we are saying farewell to one of our hard-working members. Kay Popp is heading off on a new adventure and we wish her well. She will be missed. Our club urgently needs more members. If you do not to wish to commit to membership, consider offering your help at one of our bigger functions, such as the Marathons and the Quorn Races.

The Lions Clubroom is available for hire to small groups at a reasonable cost, but not if a liquor license is required.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been both a rewarding and challenging year for the small band of dedicated Quorn Lions Club members and I wish the incoming President all the best. Even with only eight members we have been able to donate to various worthwhile causes in Quorn this year. To name a few, we have already donated $2500 to a Rural Aid event, $3,300 to the students going to Canberra and assisted the construction of the portable putt putt course with a donation of $300. We also donated $600 to the CFS for equipment.

Quorn is the beneficiary of the money we are able to raise. We do, however, need more members or people willing to lend a hand at our fundraising events. In particular we need extra help for the Quorn Races, which are being held on 15th August. It is a major fundraiser but we need more people to help out at the catering shed. If you can give a few hours of your time please contact Anne Freebairn on 0429486586 or Ian Carpenter 0417810324 as it is imperative that we get more volunteers for this event. Incoming president for 2026/2027 is Anne Freebairn. Anne is also the Secretary, with Pam Hunt taking on the role of Treasurer. ■

Country Health Connect Quorn Update

May 2026

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

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

To Access these services

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

Quorn April 2026 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
53	264	18	1	11

Allied Health Professionals June Visiting Schedule				
Podiatry	**Speech Pathology**	**Physiotherapy**	**Diabetes Educator**	**Dietetics**
JUNE 1ST-2ND JUNE 15TH-16TH	JUNE 4TH JUNE 18TH	JUNE 11TH JUNE 25TH	JUNE 24TH	

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**				

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

For any enquiries, please contact your aged care provider or

Bungala Food Service on 8643 5500

Bungala
FOOD SERVICE

FLINDERS HOUSE NEWS



ANOTHER MONTH HAS PASSED by in a flash, but we haven't been idle. There have been opportunities to visit the library, watch some great movies, participate in the quizzes, cook up a storm or come out on a bus trip. Delicious cupcakes and caramel slice were whipped up for morning tea



Above L-R Fran Marchant, Maureen Paynter, Muriel Medlam, Melenee Ellard, John Peterson,

Ex-Quornies Jo and Graham McGrath performed their repertoire of songs to a delighted audience. Graham entertained us with tales of his days teaching in the far north of the state. ■



Marjorie Fitzgerald tries her luck at mini golf



Jo and Graham McGrath



The line dancers are a fortnightly favourite for most of the residents.
(L-R) Margie Wilson, special guest dancer



Twenty three Flinders House residents and family members enjoyed an afternoon of music and tall tales.
And..Delicious cupcakes and caramel slice whipped up for morning tea.



Shirley Lock showed her own unique style of line dancing.

Quorn Show Update





THINGS ARE SHAPING UP beautifully for this year's Quorn Agricultural Show on Sunday 30 August, with plenty of exciting attractions already locked in and organisers calling on the community to get behind the much-loved annual event.

The popular Hobby Horse Races are on thanks to the support of the local CFS volunteers, who have stepped up to run the event. Meanwhile, Alicia Finlay and the Men's Shed have been hard at work putting the finishing touches on a brand-new Mini Golf Course set to entertain families throughout the day.

Adding to the fun, the Men's Shed has also been roped in to build tractors for a Tractor Pull Competition, perfectly tying in with this year's nostalgic yesteryear theme.

Show organisers say the goal this year is to provide a friendly, affordable and fun-filled family day out, and community support will be the key to making it all happen.



"Even volunteering for half an hour to help with a race, stall or activity can make a huge difference," organisers said. "We're really hoping local organisations and community groups can lend a hand and help bring the spirit of yesteryear to life."

Interest is already building around the special yesteryear competition sections, particularly the heirloom classes, which are expected to attract a fascinating range of entries and displays.

There is also exciting news for poultry enthusiasts, with the Poultry Section making a welcome return this year including a brand new Backyard Chooks category that is expected to prove very popular.

"The more entries we receive, the more enjoyable and competitive the Show becomes," organisers said. And for the creative members of the community, don't forget the Front Cover Competition for the 2026 Show Book. Entries close on 15 June, with a $100 prize up for grabs.

It won't be long before the official Show Book is circulating throughout the district, but eager competitors can already get a sneak peek at Sections and Classes by visiting the Quorn Agricultural Show Facebook page.

With new attractions, returning favourites and strong community spirit already building, this year's Quorn Agricultural Show is shaping up to be one not to miss. ■

Chapman Family History

Part 19 (final instalment)

The family Of James And Elizabeth Chapman
The children of Robert William and Mary Jane Chapman
John Benjamin James (Jack) Chapman

John Benjamin James (Jack) Chapman, third child and second son of Robert William and Mary Jane Chapman was born at Hammond on 7th June 1915.

Jack's father Robert William was working on the construction of the new Transcontinental Railway from Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie and he and his wife Mary Jane were living at the 210-mile camp near Kingoonya, but his mother Mary Jane returned to her family home at Hammond for Jack's birth , later returning to the camp.

Jack was baptised at Kingoonya on 27th October 1915.

Jack's working career began at the Glenloth Gold Mines near Kingoonya.

Whilst at Kingoonya Jack met Laurel Heneker whose father and his family were stationed at Kingoonya.



Jack's Baptism Certificate



Tennis was the major social activity for Jack and Laurel, played on local handmade courts.



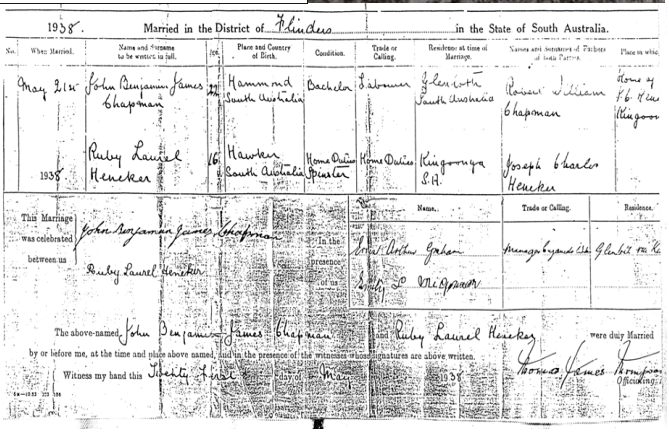
Visiting nearby Burango settlement for a game of tennis 1934
Back Martin Zanker, Mick Press
Front: Paddy Ganley Bob Heneker, Laurel Heneker and Lorna Press



Jack with their firstborn child daughter Patricia in front of their Glenloth house



Jack and Laurel married at Kingoonya on 21st May 1938 at the home of Laurel's parents

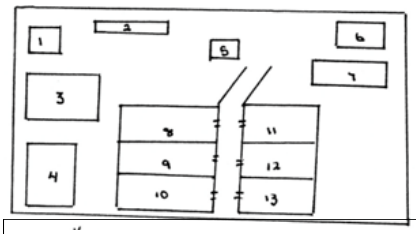


Jack and Laurel first lived at Glenloth to begin their married life and begin to raise their family. Below is the layout of their home at Glenloth

At the outbreak of WW11 Jack was required to decide on service in the armed forces or join the Commonwealth Railways as a required person for war service conditions.

Jack decided to join the Commonwealth Railways which saw the family move to locations of Kingoonya Rawlinna Tarcoola before their final move to Port Augusta.

During their time on the Nullarbour Plains locations Jack, Laurel and their growing family enjoyed many outings.



Glenloth block, house and yard layout



Jack, Laurel and daughter Patricia on a day out on lake at Kokatha Station near Glenloth 1941



Jack, Laurel and their growing family on a trip from Rawlinna to the Great Australian Bight









Jack and Laurel's Children at Rawlinna



Jack and Laurel and their growing family of 8 children eventually Settled in Port Augusta

On their 50th anniversary Jack and Laurel decided to revisit Kingoonya for the occasion ■



In 1988 Jack and Laurel celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary





A visit to the Kingoonya Local was also a necessity or the occasion in 1988

Above: Jack and Laurel standing in the same spot where they married in 1938





Above and left: Jack and Laurel went on to celebrate their 60th and 65th Wedding Anniversaries in 1998 and 2003.

CHAPMAN, John Benjamin James (Jack). — Passed away peacefully, on Monday, March 14, 2005, at the R.A.H.
Dearly loved husband of Laurel (Sis), cherished father of Patricia, Brenda, Leslie (deceased), Margaret, Trevor, Helen, Rodney and Cindy. Loved father-in-law of Harry, Ray, Colin, Maxine, Colin, Kerry and Garry. Adored grandfather of 20 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.
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10am Monday 15th June

Join us for lunch provided by Flinders Ranges Council.
Learn about how to get support to stay living at home as you age, how the aged care system works and how an exciting, new community-led model of care is operating in Laura.

Come along and:

- **understand what support is available** and how it may help you to stay at home
- learn about **your choices** and **how to access services**
- hear about how the **community in Laura** are coordinating their own local aged care service
- **enjoy lunch** and connect with others



Tea and biscuits from 9:30am
Presentation 10am-12pm
Lunch from 12pm

PLEASE NOTE
RSVP for lunch is ESSENTIAL

Join us at the
Quorn Town Hall
Monday 15th June
Presentation: 10am - 12pm followed by lunch

RSVP for lunch by 5pm, Wednesday 10th June by calling Council on 8620 0500

mable Community Partnerships

For more information contact Patsy on 0428 486 035 or Linda at Mable on 0482 173 151



Elders Real Estate

Passionate about helping clients find their perfect home, Phallen is a motivated and dedicated Elders Real Estate Agent eager to make a positive impact in the community. With a fresh perspective and a commitment to personalised service, Phallen works tirelessly to guide buyers and sellers through every step of the real estate journey. Known for excellent communication and a genuine approach, Phallen is ready to help you turn your property goals into reality.

Summer Special now on offer! Get a FREE appraisal and go in the draw to win a $200 voucher to your local IGA or Foodland Supermarket.

Contact her today for more details. Email: Phallen.young@elders.com.au Mobile: 0457 966 610

SAVE THE DATE



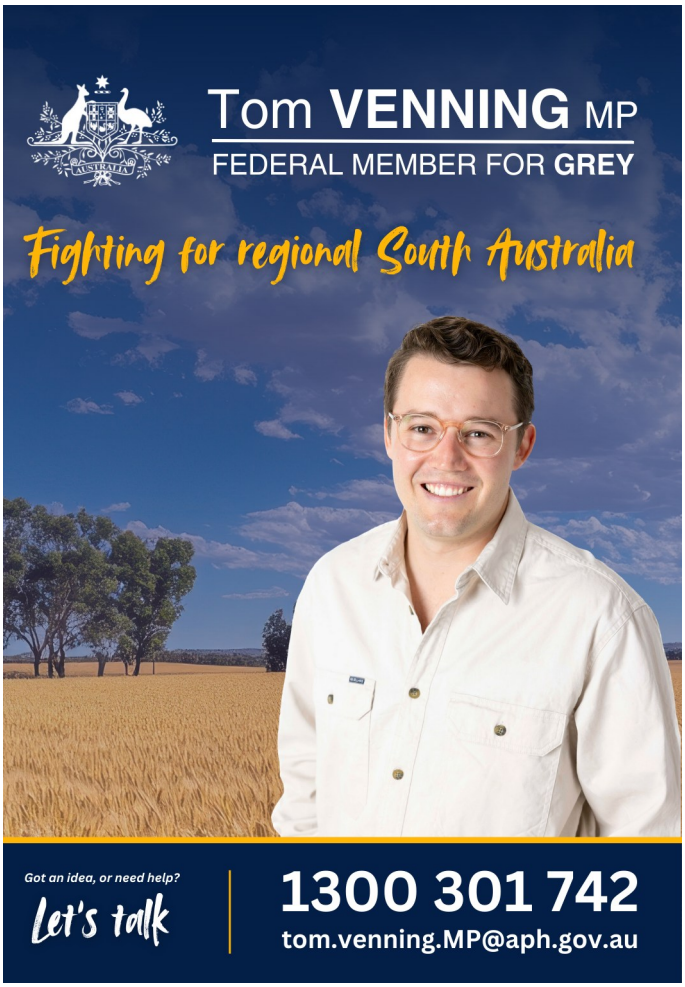
GREAT NORTHERN WAR MEMORIAL / HAWKER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REUNION

SATURDAY 3RD OF OCTOBER, 2026

HAWKER COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

More information to follow

All queries to
Julie Brown - vanbrown@bigpond.com
Carmel Reynolds - carmel.t.reynolds@gmail.com



June 2026

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist

Diabetes Education

Dietitian

Physiotherapist

Occupational Therapist

Speech Pathologist

Social Worker

Country Health Connect

8668 7706

✞ June 2026

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

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

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

Uniting Church
Sunday Services 10am

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

Contacts

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

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ATTENTION MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Meals on Wheels Quorn will be holding a training session on

16 June 2026 at 10 am at
Quorn Bowling Club.

We would greatly appreciate your attendance at this group session. Please RSVP to Kath Altmann 0437 013 779.

Morning tea will be provided, please notify if you have dietary requirements. Thank you for your time, dedication, and for being part of this important work. We truly appreciate you.

BURY: Aileen Geane (nee Pool)

Of Strathalbyn, formerly of Quorn.

31/08/1938 – 09/05/2026

Aged 87 Years.

Dearly loved wife of Alec (deceased).

Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Lynlee and the late Ralph, Andrew and Jodie, Merridy and Andrew, Russell and Deb.

Loved Ma of 9 grandchildren and their

partners and 13 great grandchildren.

Loved daughter of Ray and Mavis

(both deceased), Sister of Margaret and family

A hardworking and generous lady, who possessed a great sense of humour and gave total devotion to her family, her friends and her community.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A Memorial Gathering will be held at the Quorn Bowling Club,

Railway Terrace, Quorn,

on Friday, 5 June 2026, at 2.00pm

BURY Aileen Geane

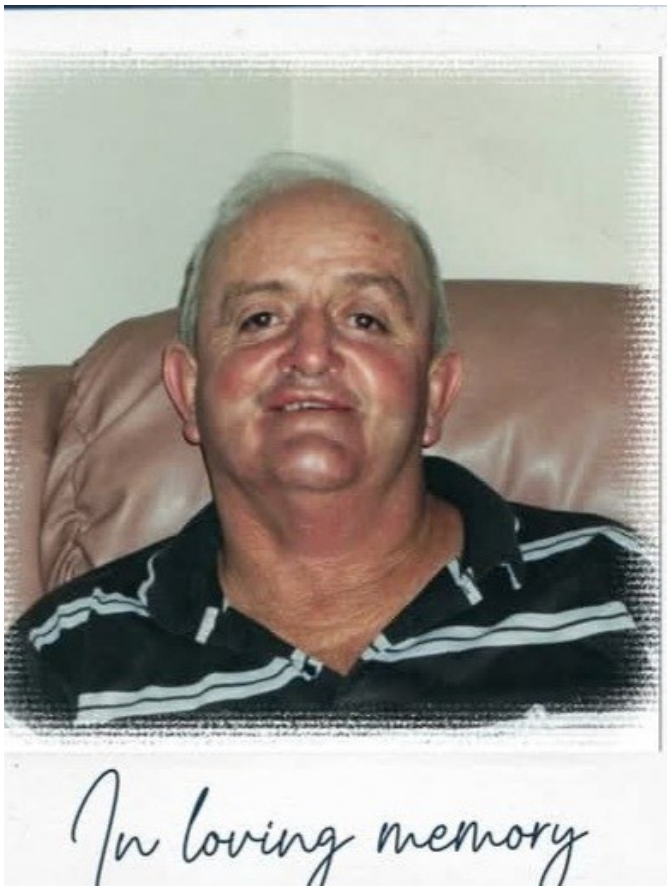
Dearly loved sister of Margaret.

Loved Aunty of Jocelyn, Peter, Mitchell, Tyler and Aurora.

Now at peace with Mum, Dad and Alec.

Rainfall 2026

January	0.0mm
February	74.6mm
March	125.4mm
April	7.8mm
May	37mm
YTD	244.8mm



CORMACK Barry John

9.1.1943 - 3.5.2026

Many thanks for cards, flowers, phone calls and messages of the passing of our dearly loved husband and father.

Thanking the Quorn Hospital Nursing and Kitchen staff for their

Kindness for the past 16 months.

Thank you to Dr. K and Dr. M.

Special thank you to Ashley for enabling us to care for Barry in Quorn. It was greatly appreciated.

Many thanks Marg, Jocelyn, Peter and Family



Quorn Hawker Cradock Events June 2026

Regular Events

Quorn

Story Time
Wednesday tbc at 10am
at the Quorn Library check for dates

Women's Fellowship
3rd Wednesdays
see Facebook *Quorn Out and About* for details of what activity is happening

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

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

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
We shape our buildings: thereafter they shape us. *Winston Churchill*

Up Coming Events

Hawker History Group Exhibition
Horse Events Friday 29th May to 28th June. At the Hawker Institute
Opening hours Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10.30am to 1.30pm.
Celebrating & sharing the history of Hawker & District Race Meetings, Fashion of the Fields, Local Racing Identities, Gymkhanas, Hawker Shows, Pony Club & Polocrosse.

44th Mindfull Aus Pichi Richi Marathon
For nearly 4 Decades, the Pichi Richi Marathon has been a family fun tradition for people of all ages.
Participants love getting out in the community, mixing, mingling, keeping fit and supporting charity at the same time!
Sunday 28th Full,1/2 Marathon, 10.5km, 5km and 1km dash registration are open

Quorn Silo Light Show
Free projection every night, projecting onto the Quorn Silo.
Viewing times are on the website and on the sign at the Railway Station

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

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

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 Night Owls Bowls All welcome
Fridays at 7:00pm for 7.30pm start,
cost $5 per player No bowls, you can borrow them from the club

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
Restarts mid-January 26

Chair Yoga
Tuesdays 10.00am
St Matthews Hall

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

Quorn School and Community Library
Justice of the Peace available 4th
10am to 12pm or check dates on facebook

Spirit of the Flinders Makers Centre
Book our Maker's Centre Workshops
https://spirit-of-the-flinders.square.site/
check the upcoming workshops on their website

Check out Facebook and or notice boards for future events

Seniors Week 2026















