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THOSE WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE
IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918

BELL A.J.
BROWN W.C.P.
BURR R.J.C.
DENNIS F.J.
DIENOFF E.S.
EASTHER A.B.
EASTHER L.R.
EDWARDS F.E.
ELLERY E.
FERGUSON M.N.
GREGOR E.H.
HAINES C.E.
HAINES H.J.
HAWES J.E.
HOBBS H.H.
HOOPER G.W.
JAGO A.L.
KENEALLY T.C.
KING W.
KLINGBERG H.T.

KLUGE W.
LARWOOD W.J.F.
LEHMANN H.C.
LESLIE L.B.
MILLS S.S.
PARKES A.
PASCALL H.H.
PATTEN C.D.
PATTEN G.F.
PEARCE A.S.
PILL J.G.
ROGERS F.P.
ROWE W.H.
STEER E.H.
SUMMERTON E.A.
TWO PENNY T.
WATSON R.J.
WISE F.S.
WRIGHT J.H.
WRIGHT W.B.

1939 - 1945

EASTHER L.A.
HINTON W.A.
KIRWAN D.
MARTIN E.
PAYNTER C.L.
PAYNTER J.R.

POPE R.L.
SEYMOUR F.J.
SEYMOUR W.R.
TAYLOR J.R.
WEIKES W.
WHITE M.

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 11 am, will be the centenary from the day and time in 1918 when the two sides in the First World War decided to stop fighting, and to talk about peace instead. The War ended with the 'Treaty of Versailles' on 28th June, 1919.

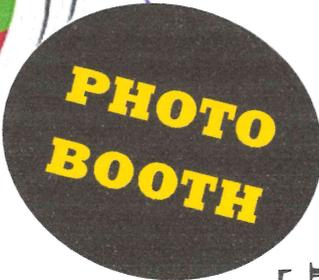
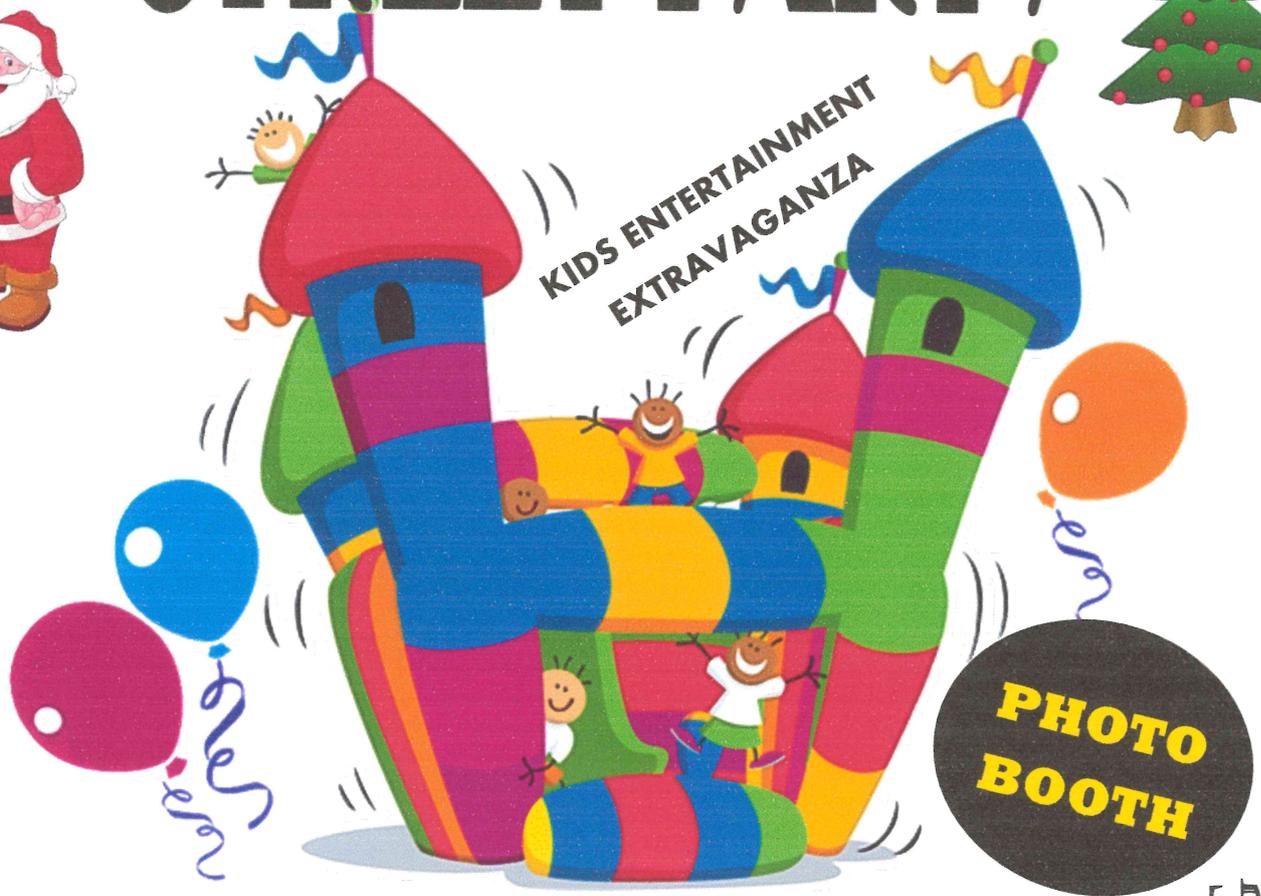
(The German and Austro-Hungarian Empires were exhausted. So the Allies dictated such a one-sided Treaty that the Second World War was only a resumption of the First—20 years later—rather than a new and separate war. Unlike the First, the Second did end with total surrender...finally.)

The fighting had lasted for 4 years 3 months, and nearly 50 million, including civilians, had been killed during it. Quorn people who died fighting are remembered on the plaque (shown on the left) on Quorn's Cross of Sacrifice on Railway Terrace.

The top photo shows Quorn's people marching along Railway Terrace in November 1918 to celebrate the end of fighting.

See back page for details about the March down Railway Tce, and page 5 for the Military display in a Railway coach in Quorn Station

QUORN CHRISTMAS EVE STREET PARTY



Come & see MR and MRS Claus
Full Bar & Catering Facilities

CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

Stocking and other prizes drawn on the night

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WINNER ANNOUNCED

Water Pistol Park

5-11PM

Live Band 'The Hooligans'
from 8pm



FACE PAINTING

AMARLY MEYERS

Quorn's WW1 Soldiers

THE WORLD WAR 1 Soldiers in the following article have family still living in Quorn. Their service records, relationships and personal details are available from the Australian War Memorial:

<https://www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search>
Virtual War Memorial <https://vwma.org.au/>
and Quorn Public School 1914-1919 memorial plaque (Quorn Archives).



Dennis, Francis James

DENNIS, FRANCIS JAMES
Daph Hilder's Great Uncle, Francis Dennis was a Trooper in the 3rd Anzac Battalion, Camel Corps, from 15/1/1916 until he was killed in action in Palestine on 6/11/1917, when he was 22 years old.

His parents were John James and Frances Ellen Dennis. He is buried at

Beersheba War Cemetery, Palestine.

Frank was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

KLINGBERG, HERMANN THEODORE (TED)

Ted, the son of Ernest Benjamin and Anna Paulene Klingberg, farmers of Arden Vale, enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces on 26/8/1916, when he was 23.

He was a gunner in the 4th Field Artillery Brigade. He sailed from Melbourne on the *Orontes*.

Ted was killed in action in France on 18/9/1918. He is buried at Rousel Communal Cemetery, France. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Ted is the Great Uncle of Ted and Richie Paynter of Quorn.

KLINGBERG, JOHN ERNEST

John Ernest Klingberg, is the brother of Hermann Theodore Klingberg (above).

He enlisted at age 24 on 11/2/1916, joining the 3rd Horse Battalion Reinforcements. He left from Adelaide on the *Mongolia* for Egypt and returned on 13/7/1916. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

KELLY, WILLIAM JAMES



Nora (nee O'Malley) and William Kelly married on 24/12/1921

Peter Kelly's Great Uncle, enlisted in the 9th Reinforcements, 12th Australian Infantry Battalion on 1/7/1915. He was 25 years old.

His parents were James Maxwell and Ruth Alice (nee Wright) Kelly of Kingswood, south of Quorn.

William served in Alexandria and Giza in 1915-16. He became a Lieutenant, and went to Pozieres on the Western Front. He was wounded, and sent to England to recover. He returned to Belgium, but was wounded and hospitalized again in England. William was appointed to Intelligence, but he was discharged on 6/9/1919 after hostilities had ceased. He came home to farm at Kingswood.

1135 of the 12th Battalion were killed in action. William was recommended for the Military Cross for bravery and devotion to duty at Pozieres.

PEARCE, WILLIAM HENRY JOHN was born in the



Private William Pearce

UK, but took up *Moralana* near Hawker. He enlisted in the 48th Infantry Battalion AIF on 4 July 1916.

William left Adelaide for France on the *Anchises* in August 1916.

His great grand-daughter, Yvonne Hoseason-Smith relates the family story of his action in France, as he was invalided to England twice. The second time he was pierced by shrapnel.

He arrived home on 15/2/1918. aged 24.

William Pearce was married to Mary Sophia Robins of Burra.

WWI Soldiers continued

TWOPENY, THOMAS NOWELL

Thomas Nowell Twopeny was born at Coonatto Station on the 29/6/1891. His parents were Edward Nowell and Amelia (nee Bourne) Twopeny.

He attended Geelong Grammar School. He was a clerk when he enlisted in the 13th Infantry Battalion, AIF on 19/7/1915.

He died of his wounds in France on 22/10/1917. Private Thomas Twopeny is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, France.



WILLIAMS, MAURICE

Maurice was born in Quorn on 22/2/1895.

He was a blacksmith when he joined the AIF on 15/1/1916—initially in the 3rd Light Horse Regiment. After serving in Egypt he was transferred to the 1st Signal Squadron in mid 1917.

Maurice returned to Australia after hostilities ended in September 1919.

Shirley Hughes of Quorn is Maurice's daughter.

Military Medal Recipient

LIEUTENANT SYDNEY SYLVANUS MILLS, born in Carrieton, was married to Phoebe Harriet Mills. He had studied at Adelaide University and was a schoolteacher.

He enlisted on 15/9/1915, aged 26. And was killed in action in Belgium on 20/9/1917. He has no known grave—missing in action. Commemorated in Ypres (Menin Gate), Belgium. ■

World War 2 Soldiers



58/59th Battalion repairing a flooded road NG,

RONALD LEONARD HILDER S112137 enlisted in the Australian Army at Wayville. He fought in World War 2 from 1943 to 1946. He was in 58/59 Australian Infantry Battalion and 26 Battalion. Ron was 18 years old when he was called up on 23 January 1943.

Unlike 90% of conscripts, Ron didn't join the AIF (Australian Infantry Forces), but stayed a *chocco* as CMF (Citizens Military Forces) conscripts were known.

Early in the War there was animosity between CMF and AIF soldiers (They considered themselves *real* soldiers). This attitude changed as the War went on, and the CMF took the brunt of the fighting—especially on the Kokoda Trail.

Ron started his training in Victoria within five days of joining up. He was sent to Canungra Queensland, for jungle training, prior to embarking for New Guinea.

In February 1944, Ron disembarked from the converted liner *Katoomba* in Lae, northeast New Guinea. After about six months he was promoted to Corporal; his pay was raised from six shillings to six and sixpence per day. Throughout 1944 he moved to Madang, Bougainville and Rabaul.

In January 1945, Ron attended a school in Southport Queensland, where he learned to interpret aerial photographs—'an important aspect of jungle warfare' he said. It was extensively used to locate crashed planes in the jungles of New Guinea.

At the end of the War in 1945, Ron was posted to 26 Battalion, Rabaul, where the surrendered Japanese soldiers were sent. Ron was friendly with them, and rode their horses (Officers had their horses at Base Camp).

Historians record that during the Japanese advance along the Kokoda Track, the Commanding Officer would ride a magnificent white horse. Remains of the horse were found by retrieval teams after the Japanese retreat.

Ron believes that destiny prevailed. He didn't engage the enemy during his overseas tour of duty.

However he concludes that his Army career was a unique experience of tough and good times. Many naive young men quickly matured. They responded to the call of service to their country with distinction and, in too many cases, their lives.

Corporal Ronald Leonard Hilder was discharged from the Army on 30th July 1946, and went home to work on the farm. ■

World War 2 Soldiers Continued

JEFF MICHELMORE SX31178* was born 3rd November 1921, at Meadows, in the Adelaide Hills. He was a 20 year old when he enlisted in the Army on 16th February 1942.

After three months training at Dubbo and Canungra, Jeff went with the 25th Battalion to New Guinea. The 25th was held back in readiness for deployment to where fighting was fiercest.

They were only a day's March from Northern Papua, Bougainville and Rabaul, New Britain. Jeff 'didn't see much action', as the Japanese landed in the wrong place—seven miles away.

He did however, see the exploits of Squadron Leader Keith 'Bluey' Truscott, who had won the DFC and Bar for service in Canada and England. He and Clive Caldwell, another famous RAAF pilot, flew their Kittyhawk aircraft to the nearby airstrip daily. They'd land, refuel, take on ammunition and fly off ('Bluey' had been a Melbourne footballer, so all the troops knew him). He was a hero of the Battle of Milne Bay that took place in 1942.

While Jeff's battalion was waiting in the Donadabu area in the highlands behind Port Moresby, the 39th fought for control of the Kokoda Trail. He was told of the terrible conditions, fierce fighting and heavy casualties they experienced. And also—the enemy didn't like fighting in the dark.

The 25th trained hard to be ready for action. They took part in manoeuvres in readiness for deployment to Bougainville, often camping in the long grass.

On one camp, Jeff noticed a little black spot on his arm. His symptoms were like Dengue Fever, but were actually Scrub Typhus, caused by a tick from a rat. He was laid up in a hessian bed in hospital, thinking 'I won't be here tomorrow'. But after two nurses gave him a cheese glass full of champagne he recovered quickly.



Australian troops leaving Donadabu in 1944

Jeff had trained to operate a Bren gun, but after the fever, he was too weak. He had to use an Owen machine gun and fire from the hip. As he had also had malaria three times, he was invalided back to Australia for three months.

Whilst in north Queensland, Jeff was directed to go to 2NCO (Non-commissioned Officers) school, but his Dad, still on the dairy farm at Meadows, became crook. A major came and told him 'You're released'. It was five days before he got a train from Atherton, for the long trip home.

Jeff belonged to the RSL Quorn Sub-Branch, until it closed, after the death of the president Bernie Chamberlain.

Note: THE CAMPAIGN IN New Guinea was one of the longest of World War 2—from 1942-1945. Five Australian Infantry divisions, most of the RAAF and RAN were used in fighting Japanese forces.

Starvation and disease caused the deaths of most enemy soldiers, not contact. Allied forces closed off roads and airfields transporting supplies to their forces.

*The 'X' signifies AIF. Jeff joined 'in the field' (after voluntarily enlisting). ■

Answering the Call

An Armistice Day Display in Car 5 in the Quorn Station Yard, Sunday 11th November

Open to the Public—Free—Morning and Afternoon

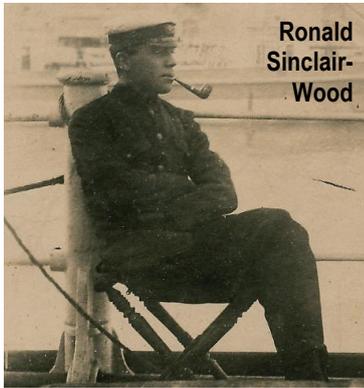
A display of photographs, posters from the War Memorial, copies of letters sent home by soldiers, and the war records of the soldiers who left their marks (graffiti) behind

Car 5 was restored by Pichi Richi Railway. When the masonite walls were removed, carved into the original woodwork were serial numbers and names of servicemen making their way north to defend Australia

One Family's 1st World War

MY FAMILY in 1914–19 were not from Quorn, but Pt Augusta and then Pt Pirie—pretty close. Yet what I write about probably echoes many other people's experiences of that War.

Three of my Father's brothers and sisters



went to that War. Ronald Sinclair-Wood was an RNVR Marine Engineer on HMS *Bayano*, a merchant ship which was converted into an 'Armed Merchant Auxiliary Cruiser', with

two 6-inch guns—as many merchant ships were.

He died when it was torpedoed by a German submarine, U27, off the coast of Scotland on 11th March, 1915. He was 31 years old.



Eric Sinclair-Wood joined the 11th Field Ambulance, AIF, February 1916, aged 18. He served in England and France. He contracted chronic bronchitis in February 1918, and was later invalided back to Australia, where he was discharged three days before the Armistice.

We have a delightful photo of him as one of the very earliest Boy Scouts, with an enormous staff!

He later became Secretary of the Mt Osmond Country Club, dying in 1953. I think his health was always poor after 1918, which was perhaps why he died aged only 55.

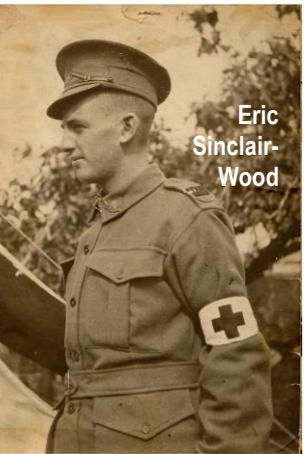
Janet Sinclair-Wood trained as a Nurse, aged 23, at the old Royal Adelaide



Hospital. She was a Relieving Matron at Maitland Hospital, and Matron at Burra Hospital before the War broke out.

She enlisted, and was appointed to the Australian Army Nursing Service in November 1914, and was in Alexandria, Egypt, January 1915.

There's an amusing story of her while a Nurse on Lemnos Island. The Aussie wounded were brought there from Gallipoli. The Aussies had no mosquito netting, but the nearby British HQ did.



She walked across and asked the Officers if they'd donate their netting for the Aussie wounded. Only they refused.

Therefore that night, she got the Aussie walking wounded to sneak across and steal it.

The next morning when the British Officers woke up, they weren't game enough to cross over to the Aussie Hospital to demand it back.

She served the rest of the War in England and Europe, and was demobilised, September 1919.

(She also served in the 2nd World War, and became Matron-in-Chief of Australia's Armed Forces Nurses, with the rank of Colonel. She died in 1950, aged 67.)

How many other families have similar First World War stories—one killed, one invalided out, and one surviving intact? ■



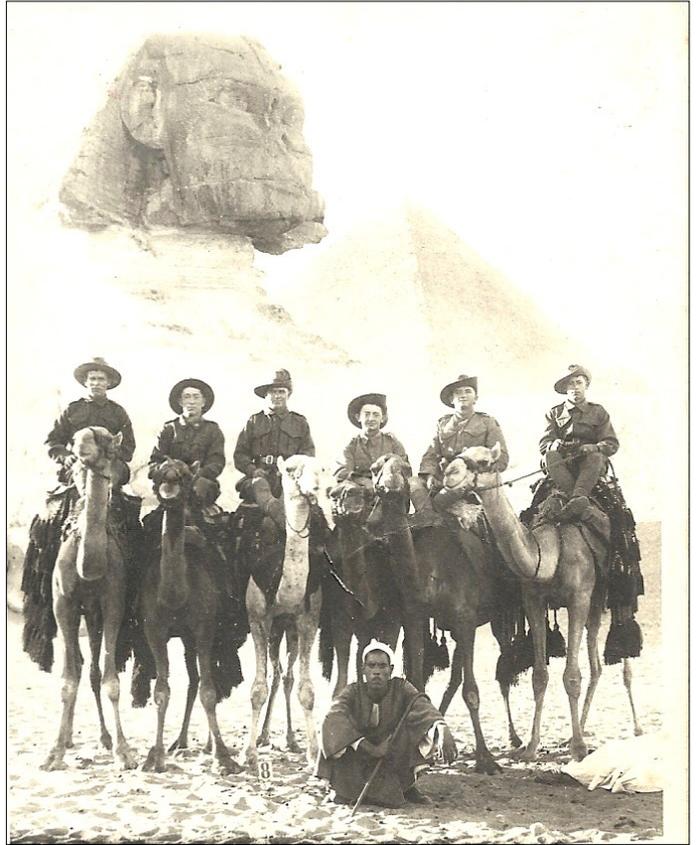
Relics from World War One

MY PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, Bridget McCarthy lived in Belton, near Carrieton, Pekina and Jamestown until the beginning of the 1940s. Her collected photographs of friends and family include the photos on this page.

Bridget's brothers, Frank and James Nelson were killed in action in France—James in September 1916, and Frank in June 1918.

Frank spent time training and serving in Egypt before being posted to France. Neither of the brothers are in the photos. The photos were important to my grandmother, and give a glimpse of life for the young men serving so far away from home and family over one hundred years ago.

Pat Wiseman ■



There is no writing on this photo. Similar photos exist in libraries and the Australian War Memorial. The photo was taken near the training camps in Egypt. The soldier fourth from left is the person referring to himself in the other photos; possibly with Mick, Charlie, and perhaps poor Jim Barry below, in this photo too.



Written on the back of the photo: "Mick and I on our chargers"



Written on the back of the photo: "Charlie and I at poor old Jim's (Tpr. J W Barry) grave"

Chat with a Quornie

Yvonne Hoseason-Smith



MY GREAT GRANDFATHER, Thomas Pearce and his wife, Ann, left Herefordshire, England for Currency Creek, South Australia, on the *Grassmere* in 1847.

Thomas started farming, and took up Mern Merna Station out of Hawker. His son, William Henry John Pearce, served in the AIF (Australian Imperial Forces) in World War 1. He was twice invalided to England with shrapnel wounds.



William Henry John Pearce ,48th Battalion, France, c1916

William returned from France and married Mary Sophia Robins from Burra. A daughter, Valma, married Raymond (Barry) Barrington Vivian, son of Albert Vivian.

Barry worked in WA, until his wife died. He left his children, Millie and Lorrie in an orphanage,

while he looked for work in SA.

Barry and his second wife, Ruby Ann Woollard from Burra, had six children—Dawn, Sortes, Harold, Edward, Mervyn and Barry, my Dad.

They moved to Quorn. Grandfather had ‘black lung’ from the mines, and died young.

Barry, my Dad, worked at Fosters Emporium and as a Stoker on the steam trains. He trained as a butcher with the Pearce brothers, and married Mum, Valma Pearce. Dad became a Train Examiner.

I was born prematurely in the new Quorn Hospital in 1953. I was three lb (1.4kg). Matron Fitzgerald kept me alive with an eye dropper. No humidi cribs then!

When I was one or two, we moved to Alice Springs, where my sisters—Jayne, and Jenny were born. My brother Anthony (Tony), the oldest child, and my youngest sister, Katrina, were born in Pt Augusta.



Yvonne's Grandpa,+Albert Vivian

In 1962, our family moved back to Stirling North. Dad was always a keen gardener, and grew every variety of vegetable, grapevine and fruit tree—even a banana palm.

I went to Willsden Primary School and Pt Augusta High School. I left school at 16 to work for my Aunt, Matron Millie McHugh, at the old Flinders House, First Street.

I was there for 18 months, till my 17th birthday, when I applied to become an enrolled nurse at Northfield Hospital.

But my Birth Certificate couldn't be found—Dad was notorious for not attending to paperwork.

I should have been born in March, but was premature, so celebrated my birthday in February. After 17 years, I found that my actual date of birth was Jan 21st.

I nursed for two years at Enfield Hospital specializing in general nursing and geriatrics.

Stewart and I met on my first (and last) blind date in 1972. We went to the Hotel Australia with two of my nurse friends, Stewart's brother, Alan and his friend John.

Stewart was from Montacute, Norton Summit. He was a Storeman at Woodside Army Base, but after returning from Vietnam, became a Medical Officer. He intended to volunteer as a Medic and return to Vietnam.



Yvonne and Stewart at their engagement party 1972

We were married in Pt Augusta on March 24th 1973 with 150 guests—mostly aunts and uncles and 36 first cousins. (My mother was one of 13 children). Our 'wine' was blue sparkling cider from Ashton, to match the bridesmaids' dresses.

Our adventure began. Stewart went to Healesville to study to become a Medic. We carried most of our belongings in his Torana, living for three months in a caravan, and in a one room Motel unit at Bandiana.



Wedding Day. Yvonne and Stewart married at Port Augusta Uniting Church on 24 March 1973

After 12 months, we first rented an Army house in Wodonga, then in Liverpool—a cement flat where our small dog, Moonie's bark sounded like a mastiff. With the broom handle Stewart wedged in the door, we were safe during the many break-ins.

We moved to a house in Campbelltown. I worked at Liverpool Hospital, until in 1977, Tiffany was born at Camden Hospital.

Our next posting was to a small Ammunition Depot near Denman in the Hunter Valley. Raymond was born there in 1978.

Then Stewart worked at Yeronga Defence Hospital for three years. The first Vietnam veterans came back suffering from cancer and PTSD caused by Agent Orange.

We were at St Andrews, Sydney, when James was born in 1983. Stewart worked at 1Field Hospital, Ingleburn.

Stewart's father became ill, and he applied to come back to SA. We didn't get to Port Wakefield Artillery Proof Range,, until after his father's death.

Ours was a lovely brick home, but each round of fire opened up a new crack. We were there for three years, and I worked at Balaklava Hospital for two of them.

In 1985, we were sent to Puckapunyal, Victoria for a year. Stewart decided to leave the Army after 20 years service.

A New Journey—Home Owners

WITH RELATIVES IN Adelaide and Quorn, we looked for a house and found Sandy and Ann Arancelovic's for sale for \$65000 in Quorn.

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The house, built for the Railway Workshop Foreman in c1876, was Randalls, then Joy and Des Finlay's. It was prone to flooding, so the early owners grew beautiful vegetables on a mound in the yard.

Stewart got a job at Quorn Hospital (the first male nurse?). I did too. One of us could be always home with the children

On Mondays, I took the Day Care Group by bus to the oval. I made puzzles and large crosswords for them—Madge Voigt, Joan Williams, Bernie Chamberlain, Mrs Fargher, Miss Hughes. A lovely lot of caring people regularly came to help.



At *The Gables*. From left—Stewart with James, Yvonne with Raymond, Mum with Tiffany and Jayne

I fondly remember Florence Jones. She'd ring at 5am to say 'the power is off Yvonne'. She wrote many letters to the Queen, and wore all her clothes at once.

We started work on our new house by moving the chook yard. Stewart hooked it up to the Datsun Wagon and pulled it holus bolus to a new place by the shed.

By accident, we discovered our water meter on the corner of Durnford Road (About 100m from home). On my way home from work, I heard frogs in Finlay's paddock in a 'wetland' made by our leaking pipe.

When Raymond developed asthma, we bought a milking goat from Booleroo. Donna had horns, so we put a tarp in the back of the Datsun to bring her home. The three children hung out the windows to avoid the smell.

We learned to milk and later acquired dear Peggy. She raised many of Peter Kelly's orphans, but wouldn't feed a black lamb. We had to hand feed it.

Our first lamb (Jack) grew into a big ram, so we got Bob the butcher (McKinley) in. Peggy

chased him out the gate. Bob called us 'murderers' as we ate a roast leg of lamb, that Stewart told the kids was Jack's leg

Stewart had his Dad's old rifle, with a bent barrel, though Stewart didn't know, until he shot the sheep behind the one he'd aimed at. It was like *Prickles Farm*.*

In 1988 we decided to grow a cash crop. We researched pistachios, that were starting in the Riverland. Brian Powell had grown them, and they seemed good for arid land production. We bought rootstock from CSIRO. My Dad helped us dig holes with the pick and shovel. When he asked. 'Can you hear someone banging on the shed?', we decided he'd done enough. It was his blood pressure.

When the rootstock was about knee high, we budded and grafted male and female buds. Most of Stewart's took, but my liberal application of sunscreen caused mine to fail.

The wind-pollinated trees did well. We had our first crop after five years.. But later found a whole row of male trees we'd grafted. (Usually 1:8 male to female)

To keep cockies and clever crows away, we hung shiny things and wine bladders in the trees; erected birds of prey; "singing" wire (that kept neighbours, Judy and Trevor Ward awake). Stewart got a gas gun and shot the birds, who'd return 'as if it were a funeral'.

One day when I was dressed to go out, the birds came. So I ran out with the gun in high heels and finery, not knowing the kids' **Prickles Farm* was a Mike Hayes 80s series were behind the bore. They thought it was hilarious seeing me dressed to the nines shooting cockies.



Young pistachios from our first crop

We shook pistachios onto sheets, with only 48 hours to dehull (skin) and dry them on racks. We sorted, roasted, salted and packaged them on the kitchen table. We didn't know they were related to mangoes with a similarly bad smell.

The Middle East refugees living at El Alamein camp at Port Augusta were eager to buy our nuts. We earned enough to buy a roaster from Sydney (Like a cement mixer with a gas fitting), and a dehuller.



Our first pistachio crop ready to pick in 1993

Travellers

QUENTIN AND Margaret Smith had started tours up north, for the Waterhouse Club, friends of the Adelaide Museum. I helped cook breakfasts, pack lunches and prepare three-course meals for members.

Mum, Dad and I flew to my sister's wedding in England. We toured Wales, Scotland and the Midlands.

In 2004, Stewart and I went to Israel. We walked The Stations of the Cross, saw the Masada Fort; Wailing Wall, and Jesus' Tomb. We swam and floated in the Dead Sea—so salty that if you flipped over it would burn your eyes. Our skin was really soft afterwards.

The British and American bus passengers roared with laughter when I said I'd lost my thongs. They thought of undies, not *flip flops!*

Yasser Arafat died while we were there. Soldiers guarded Palestinian enclaves, checked our bus for bombs and screened us going into a Mall to clothes shop.

I was glad to return to the B & Bs and old mansions of Kent and the Midlands.

Stewart left a camera and jumper at a bus stop in Paris at the height of the bombings. They remained there. No one was game to take them! We saw all the iconic sites safely.



Stewart and I at the Wailing Wall, Jerusalem 2009

On one of our many Qld trips, at Cape York, we camped near a river known for crocodiles. I slipped in. A 'friend' heard the splash and rushed past to check his *barra* line! But luckily, Stewart and mate rescued me.

Later, a man took his bucket down for water, and a large croc leapt out and snatched the bucket. We should have had a knotted rope tied to a tree to escape quickly.

We've visited my brother in NZ, and been to his children's weddings on both islands. Our children are spread Australia-wide.

Tiffany joined the Army, and served in East Timor. She spent 10 years in the forces, until medically discharged with PTSD. She now lives in Victoria. We visit her often to see our grandchildren, Caleb and Khianna.

Raymond and Wendy live with their three children, Mitchell, Dylan and Ella. We plan a New Year's visit to them at *Dairy Creek*, 400km from Carnavan, on the Gascoyne.

James and Cassandra live in Rockhampton with their three boys—Reuben, Mackinley and baby Hamish. James works as the OHS officer in his father-in-law's quarry.

As a young girl in Alice Springs I loved the older Aboriginal ladies' desert paintings. I taught myself to paint, and at eight, received my first Art prize from Melva Waterman

Now I draw with pen and ink, pastels, oils and acrylics. My Quorn murals are the *Trompe de l'oeil* in First Street, the old swimming pool, and the newsagency back wall.

Stewart, Sue and Bob Tulloch converted our garage into a lovely, light studio. I paved outside and made mosaic paths. I am lost in these pleasures for many hours.

Our house is on the market. Our next adventure is just round the bend! ■

Pictures — From the Past



Second World War Aussie Troops travelling on the Ghan to Alice Springs in the 'sweat-boxes'



Above, many didn't even get to travel in coaches. *Below*, lining up with their dixies for tucker



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Imagine the Summer conditions inside what looks above like a converted cattle van. And imagine what it would have been like for the Soldiers travelling in vans like this on ice-cold Winter nights



THESE ARE 2nd World War photos, of course. But nothing like this huge movement of troops by train to the north of Australia happened in the 1st World War. In that War, Australia captured what was then German New Guinea swiftly, and right at the start.

In the 2nd World War, as the Japanese advanced on New Guinea from the north, our Federal Government drew a line from Brisbane to Adelaide, and planned to offer all of Australia to the north and

west to Japan, in return for leaving us alone in the south-east. But the US General MacArthur insisted on defending Australia in New Guinea. Hence, 56 trains of Aussie Soldiers and equipment every week through Quorn to Alice Springs, to then get them all the way to New Guinea. There, they fought the Japanese army and turned it back at Kokoda in 1942.

Photos courtesy of Lisa Southon, Pichi Richi Railway Museum, Quorn Railway Station. ■



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Quorn Produce and Craft Market
Two of our local producers.



Quorn All Schools Reunion

September 2018

ON BEHALF THE All Schools Reunion Committee, I would like to thank the ladies from the Bowls Club for a wonderful morning tea on the Saturday morning. The ladies did a fantastic job and everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves, especially meeting those they hadn't seen since leaving school.

The Archives volunteers stayed open for longer due to so much interest from visitors. It was appreciated by everyone. Many didn't know the Archives existed before the weekend.

A very big thank you to the Men from the Quorn Men's Shed who spent so many hours restoring the Wooden Memorial Plaque for the Public School Students who went to war from 1914—1919. It was absolutely amazing. We thank Mayor, Peter Slattery for unveiling the Plaque on Saturday morning.

The Plaque was moved to the Archives and I would advise anyone who couldn't make it on Saturday morning to look at it when the Archives are open.

I hope the stall holders at the Market on Saturday and Sunday, were successful.

Our thanks to Council for allowing the use of the Town Hall for both days. The weather was perfect for outside stall holders.

I would also like to thank the Quorn Uniting Church for the Sausage Sizzle at the oval. Jenny, Jan and Rod were kept very busy on Saturday lunch time, but it was very successful and enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to the volunteers from the Cricket Club who opened the bar and served drinks—especially as it was Footy Grand Final day.

Thank you to Area School students who participated in the poster competition. Posters were displayed in Wayne Schuttloffel's vacant shop, with a display of old Quorn and School Photos dating back to early school years.

Thank you to those people who took time to have a look, and to Wayne for allowing us to use the shop.

Please Note: If you would like to purchase a group photo taken at the Reunion Luncheon on Sunday please contact Peter Chapman on Mobile: 0417 814 448 between hours of 1pm—4pm or email: chrissey.joy@bigpond.com (Joy Lee).

Thank You All.

Joy Lee

Assistant Co-Ordinator

Quorn All Schools Reunion Committee ■



The committee and helpers

Back from left —Geoff Edwards, Shirley Dawson, Allan Reid, Irene Noll, Des Wallace, Malcolm Pool, Peter Chapman

Front from left —Front Judith Kernahan, Marlene Chandler, Lee Reid, Margaret Farthing, Camille McMullen, Joy Lee

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Planning for Long-term Hospital & Medical Practice in Quorn

From Dr Tony Lian-Lloyd

HAVING PASSED 25 years in Medical Practice in Quorn, the community needs to plan for long-term Medical Practitioner presence in this town.

Whilst I have no immediate plan for retirement or to slow my workload, I am getting older and sooner rather than later will begin to fatigue with the demands of solo rural practice.

I have spent many years till now actively promoting rural practice to inspire young doctors and students alike to take up rural medicine.

However there has been a generational change in what young professionals will or won't undertake as a career choice, and where they will work.

There are multiple examples of rural communities Australia wide who cannot attract a medical doctor to their towns, no matter what incentives they offer.

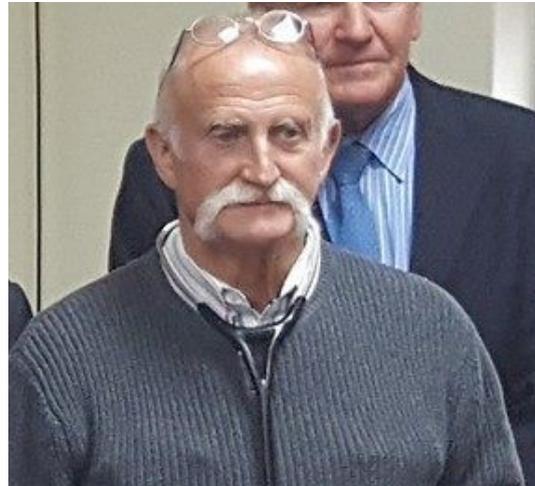
Both Federal and State Governments offer incentives, financial and otherwise to attract doctors to rural towns, with limited success - especially solo rural practice.

What is known as a base starting point is that without quality accommodation—no further discussion will take place between the potential doctor and the town needing medical services.

As it stands, we have no quality housing to form the basis of an attractive package for a doctor to take up a medical practice in Quorn—until now we haven't needed one.

Both Flinders Ranges Council and the Health Advisory Council of the hospital will need to come together and formulate a progressive plan to attract a doctor to Quorn in the future.

What I know is this: we need to have a seamless transition in Medical Practitioners,



otherwise the viability of the hospital will come into question.

The close proximity to Port Augusta has always been a risk for the closure of acute care services, no matter which political party is in power.

With no doctor, even for a short time, closure of acute care beds—*the lifeblood*—of hospital service will occur. If the hospital is downgraded, then, as the major employer in the town significant job loss would occur.

Once this happens, there is no incentive to attempt to make a comparable living as a Medical Practitioner in a town like Quorn. It would be economically unviable.

As a community we need to be ahead of the game—be prepared to invest in the future of the hospital and the medical presence in Quorn – starting with quality accommodation. Do not rely on the Government to bail us out—it won't happen.

I would encourage community members to attend the AGM of the Hospital Health Advisory Committee (HAC), held on Tuesday 20th November at 7pm at the hospital, where this issue will be discussed further. ■

Monday 22 October, 2018 National Radioactive Waste Management Facility: Statement on Federal Court case

The following can be attributed to a spokesperson for the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science:

"Last week the Federal Court made a decision to hear *Bamgarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation v.*

District Council of Kimba on 30 January 2019," said the spokesperson.

"The department will continue to observe the progress of this case and reminds the community that consultation is ongoing while this matter is being resolved and that submissions continue to be accepted.

"The Government continues to work to hear the views of all community members, including local residents, neighbours, business owners and Traditional Owners."

For more information on the project, go to: www.radioactivewaste.gov.au Media contact: Phil McCall 0438 619 987

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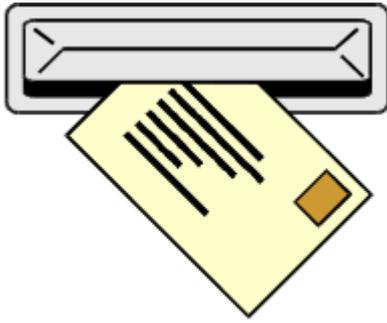
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22ND DECEMBER



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors,

IT IS NOW nearly three years since Minister (at the time) Frydenburg's unexpected announcement that "Barndioota" was included on a shortlist of six possible sites to be Australia's first national radioactive waste dump facility.

Throughout the process, Lucas Heights, the primary producer of the waste that we are being asked to accept, has been held up as the beacon of safe standards and world's best practice. Recent media reports and newspaper articles, for example *The Weekend Australian*, October 22nd, cast serious doubt on this. A year ago, according to the report, a nuclear medicine technician suffered contamination, blistering and an elevated risk of developing cancer following an accidental spill, that penetrated two layers of gloves—the only safety failure **worldwide** rated at or above Level 3 by the International Atomic Energy Agency in the year.

Since then, the report continues, there have been three other near misses. In another quote the paper says: 'Australia's production of nuclear medicine is in disarray, with a promised world-class manufacturing plant running two years behind schedule, unresolved questions over waste management, and broader concerns over ageing facilities and safety issues at Lucas Heights'.

For those who are in favour of the dump, this will be called fear mongering. For those of us who question the whole process, it adds yet another layer of distrust in the Department and its assurances. With any proposal, where the promoters are prepared to throw millions

of dollars at the scheme (in two different communities at the same time), it is sensible to look behind what they are saying and examine what is not being said.

In the flood of information provided since the process began, there has been no analysis of risk, a normal factor to be considered in any normal development proposal. Before this irreversible process actually begins here, consideration should be given to what is actually at stake. What is the current value, in dollars and by sector, of the Flinders Ranges economy—agriculture, meat and wool production, tourism, hospitality, service industries and so on? How will these operations be impacted by the dump? Could there be any adverse unintended consequences?

From the very beginning we were told that the community would have the chance to vote for or against it. How can anyone make an informed and considered decision if they don't have all the relevant information?

Throughout the process we have been told that the dump would not be forced on an unwilling community. Most of us were naïve enough to believe that the ballot would be the deciding factor to demonstrate if the community was willing or not. We are now told that the ballot will be only a part of the Minister's decision making process. That ballot is now postponed until, at least, the end of next January because the Supreme Court was satisfied that there had been inadequate consultation with, at least, one of the relevant Aboriginal Corporations.

Greg Bannon,
Quorn.
29/10/2018

PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •



HELLO QUORN!

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

We have now reached the end of another very successful steam season. 2018 has been outstanding with good passenger numbers throughout the year on all services. A record 289 passengers packed on to one Explorer trip departing Quorn in October which presented a challenge to the on-train staff trying to find seats for groups wanting to sit together.

TWILIGHT EXPLORER TRIPS

Once again the popular evening trips will depart Quorn Railway Station at 5.30pm with the Brill Railcar bound for Woolshed Flat.

The dates for these are:

Sat 3rd November

Sat 10th November

Sat 17th November

Sat 24th November

Reserve some seats, pack your picnic hamper, relax and watch the sun go down behind the ranges. We then wend our way home returning to Quorn at dusk.



A BRILL RAILCAR ADDITIONAL TRAILER CAR

Earlier this year a trailer car which can be attached to the Brill Railcar was offered to PRR by SteamRanger as it was surplus to their requirements. However the cost of transportation to Quorn was considerable and an appeal was launched to the members. A generous beneficiary came forward to cover all the costs involved in lifting the trailer car onto and off a low loader and transporting it by road to Quorn.

This acquisition is now stored await its turn in line for a major restoration project. Eventually when this has been achieved it will enable an additional 30 passengers to be carried on the services offered aboard the Brill Railcar.

2019 TIMETABLE/BROCHURE

The timetable/brochures for 2019 are now available and you can pick up your copy from the Visitor Information Centre at the Quorn Railway Station.

Maybe you can pass a copy on to friends and family and help us to promote our Railway and continue to grow our passenger numbers and the visitors to the area.

Planning for the 2019 season includes a package to be known as 'The Ultimate Rail Experience' and will market a cab ride on a section of the Afghan journey.

The launch of Yx141 on Sunday June 2nd will be a major event on the 2019 calendar. This long-awaited event will see this recently restored engine make its public debut with shuttle services to the Summit and return.

Ask us for more information!

For all Pichi Richi Railway Train bookings, visit www.pichirichirailway.org.au or Phone 1800 777 245

PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



BRIDGE WORK REFURBISHMENT ON THE PICHI RICHI RAILWAY

Major refurbishment and maintenance has recently been carried out on 2 large bridges on the Pichi Richi Railway Line.

Smokers Bridge which spans the Saltia Creek approximately 10 kms north of Port Augusta was the first to receive attention. Work on this bridge commenced in 2016 and entailed replacement of some timber piers supporting the girders. The work continued in April this year and was completed in July.

Lattice Bridge which is approximately 1 km south of Woolshed Flat is the second one to require major work. This is the highest bridge on the line with a total length of 180ft or 60m and has a height of 54ft or 16m. Supporting the original 3 lattice girders are 9 pairs of RSJs which are in turn supported by 3 substantial timber trestles. Numerous elements in the trestles, particularly the header beams and sills, have required replacement. Two specialists and experts on bridge construction and repairs from Victoria have been involved in the project to give advice and assistance to the local Track Gang members.

The hardwood sills and header beams weighing around 300kgms each were manoeuvred into position using an electric winch slung from the rails above with volunteers working from scaffolding erected by professionals based in Port Pirie. Packers were then added under the sills to allow for clearance to inspect for termites between the concrete bases and the new timber. Corroded bolts and steel packers were replaced, cleaned and painted with an anti-corrosive preparation.

It took 12 days to repair two trestles with the remaining work on the third planned for later in the year. This massive project, which is the first major replacement of timbers since first installed in 1925, is a credit to the hard-working Track Gang Team.



Quorn Out and About



Violet Rose Walsh
born 6 Aug 8lb 1oz (3800g)
Parents Emily Brown,
Lachlan Walsh



Above—The shell of the original W & G truck purchased in April 2015 before restoration
Left—Mr John McWaters from Whyalla, restorer and proud owner of the truck



At the Quorn School Reunion—Over 50s



Jack Walter and Ruby Connell,
born 29 July, 8lb 8oz (3860g)
Parents Claire Moran,
Tim Connell



Over 60s



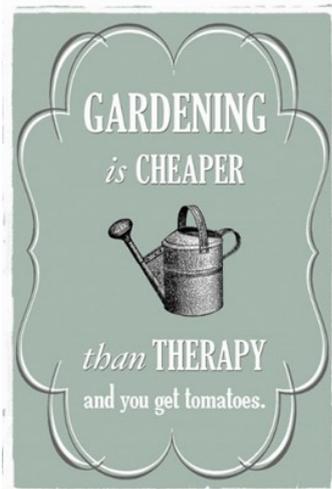
Left and above—Participants of all ages enjoyed the opportunity to learn and practise skills and stunts in the Skate Park Open Day



Over 80s

Flinders House News

Would you LIKE to spend an hour in the garden? Would you like to learn more about gardening?



Here at Flinders House we have some very knowledgeable gardeners who have contributed to making our garden beds look so beautiful.

All garden beds are raised or in pots and are easy to use, but still need maintaining.

Residents sometimes need a little help with their gardens:

- lifting a watering can
- carrying the weeds out.

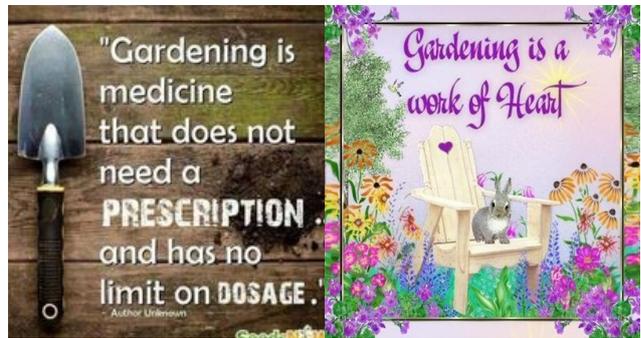
We don't employ a gardener—they have always been maintained by residents. We grew beautiful flowers and even veggies. We have grape vines and a fruit tree but would love to see more growing.

A garden is the best alternative therapy.
—*Germaine Greer*

You can bury a lot of troubles digging in the dirt.

We would like to incorporate an “Adopt a Garden” program into our Home. We ask that anyone who can spare a few minutes, maybe once a week, to gain more experience or share their experience, would come and see us.

We have learned that caring for one garden bed is not very hard to do, but to maintain more than hasn't been very successful. If you think that you would like to *adopt* one of these garden beds, please let us know.



We have been getting outside more often and enjoying the outdoors. We are now part of a bird counting exercise. We have added more bird feeders and bird baths to our environment.

Sights, scents and sounds from outside put a smile on our faces. When it is hard to get outside, watching the seasons change with various plants and wildlife is relaxing and a great reprieve from everyday activities. ■

Spring Comes to The Dutchman's Stern



Cactuses are flowering as above, on this *Opuntia robusta*. The white spots show that this cactus is infected by the Cochineal Grub, which is killing it. Photo courtesy Modris Ozolins



The Quorn Wattle is flowering profusely and brilliantly at present—hectares of it in places, golden hillsides of it. Both pics east side of The Dutchman. Photo courtesy Ray Wood

‘Huckitta’ to ‘Macumba’

— Bruce Delany

JOHN KEMPE (Head Stockman), Hughie Lightburn, three Aboriginal Stockmen, and I took delivery of about 1200 head of bullocks from ‘Huckitta’ Station, about 200 km north-east of Alice Springs. And we drove them to ‘Macumba’ Station, approximately north-east of Oodnadatta. A distance of about 700 km.

They were long-legged, red-eyed, cock-horned mongrels—as mad as ‘March hares’, and as wild as the country they came from. All went reasonably well until we reached Rumbalara (usually known as the ‘878 Mile’*), south of Alice Springs.

Rabbits

IT WAS THERE that they encountered their very first rabbit! Apparently the rabbit hadn’t reached as far north as ‘Huckitta’ in those days, and it was an unknown quantity up in their country.

These mad buggers went completely berserk at the sight of them, and rushed for miles. After that, they rushed nearly every night, which took a heavy toll of both men and horses.

We crawled into our swags at night in full marching order—including boots—ready for a quick getaway. Our horses were feeling the strain too, as we had to have a horse tied up each night for each man.

‘Billy Boy’

IN OUR PLANT we had an ex-poddy* called ‘Billy Boy’. I don’t know how he came to be with us as he was more trouble than he was worth. He hung around the camp trying to get to the potatoes or damper—or anything that was edible, for that matter.

One day I decided to get a bit of use out of him, as my horses were becoming very jaded. I saddled him up, and hopped on him. I kicked him up a bit but he just grunted, and moved off in a very slow walk.

Try as I might, I couldn’t get him out of a walk, so I borrowed Hughie’s goose-necked spurs. (I never wore spurs—some sort of macho thing.)

It was pretty cold when I drove those spurs into him, and then I hit the ground on my arse. Geeze, that horse could buck! I thought I could hang up a bit, but I didn’t have a hope with ‘Billy Boy’.

I rode him for the rest of the day, and strangely enough he wasn’t a bad horse to ride, as long as I kept geeing him up with the hooks. I didn’t drive them into him, though. Just kept feathering him.

The main thing I remember about this episode was that Macumba George, one of the Aboriginal Stockmen, fell off his horse laughing when I was thrown. Easily amused, was our George.

Things Electric

THINGS WERE pretty routine until we camped on a very big plain near ‘New Crown’ Station. Not a tree in sight, and barely enough wood to boil the billy.

Just after sundown, the wind dropped, and the clouds closed in. It was Winter-time, but the weather became very hot, and stifling.

We were night-watching the cattle, of course, and things became very weird and scary. The atmosphere was absolutely electric, without a breath of air.

It was pitch black, and all you could see was your night horse’s ears outlined in sparks. If you ran your hand up his mane, a shower of sparks erupted. Every man not on watch sat up all night with his horse’s reins in his hand.

The strangest thing of all was that the cattle didn’t move all night!

Courtesy *The Western Herald*, NSW

* ‘878 Mile’: The distances along a railway line were often named by how many miles they were from its start. For example, Fettle’s/Gangers’ Cottages were named by miles. The famous Puttapa Cottages north of Beltana were the ‘360-Mile Cottages’. But some got local names as well, and the Puttapa Cottages were known locally as the ‘Six Mile Cottages’, being 6 miles north of Beltana.

* ‘Poddy’: young animal that was handfed when young—a calf, a lamb, or a foal for instance.

* ‘Mad as a March hare’: hares in rut are unusually wild and shy in the Northern Hemisphere month of March. ■

OUR BUCKET LIST



From left—Jenny, Peter Julie and Leigh leaving Adelaide airport

ON 10TH AUGUST, Julie and Leigh Lewis and, Jenny and Peter Crisp set off overseas to complete their tennis ‘Bucket List’ Grand Slam.

We flew into Vancouver via Auckland, and bought a five-hour city tour visiting Granville Island, Stanley Park, Capilano swing bridge.



Julie and Jenny off to the US Open

An Alaskan seven-day cruise from 12th August- visited Icy Strait Point, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, Ketchikan. We had two days in Vancouver before joining the Rocky Mountaineer train—amazing food and drinks staff.

We visited: Kamloops to Jasper; Banff, for a gondola ride of 2400m in eight minutes; Lake Louise (an amazing place to visit); Calgary, including Calgary Tower (50 years old). At Bow Valley, we had a helicopter flight.

In New York we bought a five-hour city tour.

It was extremely hot on 28th August for the US Open - (Completed our tennis bucket list of Tennis Grand Slams—Australian, French, Wimbledon and US Opens). We watched Aussies—Millman, Ebden, De Manaur, Frenchman, Richard Gasque win that day, and Roger Federer that night.

We left for Washington DC via Hudson Tunnel on 29th August (130,000 vehicles a day travel that route). We stopped in Philadelphia where, the first Declaration of Independence was signed in the old Parliament.

We visited an Amish property and rode on a horse and buggy, the main form of transport. We saw the Memorial Cemetery; Abraham Lincoln statue; Vietnam and Korean Military Cemetery in the Allington District, which had 300,000 tombstones over 2.5sq km.

In Washington we saw the ‘Changing of the Guard’ of three unknown soldiers; Kennedy family graves; George Washington and Thomas Jefferson memorials; the White House; Abraham Lincoln Statue; Martin Luther King Memorial. Then we went to National Air Space Museum (and the Apollo space-ship) and touched a piece of stone from the moon.

The beautiful site of the White House, Washington DC and Parliament buildings was a highlight.

Returning to New York we did another five- hour tour of: John Lennon’s home (where he was shot); Strawberry Fields and Central Park; Bow bridge; Jefferson Building; Tiffany’s Gucci; St Thomas Church.

We went inside magnificent St Patrick’s Cathedral; the Rockefeller Centre; Times Square; Hearst Building; Trump Tower; Channel Gardens, where a Christmas Tree is set up every year with 50,000 Led lights.

In New York we went to where the American *Today Show* is presented; Empire State Building; Madison Park Gardens; United Trade Centre Memorial; Statue of Liberty.



Peter and Jenny at Capilano swing bridge



Jenny and Peter enjoying the snow fall in the Rockies



Jenny and Peter at the White House



Jenny at Capital Parliament building, Washington



Niagara Falls mist

Did you know 40 islands make up New York City?

On 1st September we travelled to Niagara Falls.

We left at 7am via Manhattan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania—crossing Delaware River by way of Lake Seneca.

There we walked under a spiral staircase rock of waterfalls to the bottom of the gorge.

Then we went on to Niagara Falls via Geneva and Buffalo. The falls—American, Canadian and Bridal Falls—they go for 1km and form a horse shoe shape. They are lit up at night, and at 10pm spectacular fireworks were set off.

On our second day we took a cruise on *Maid of the Mist* to the bottom of the Falls.



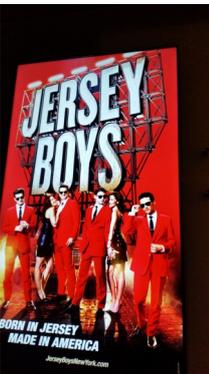
Leigh and Peter in the helicopter



Abraham Lincoln statue with Jenny and Peter

Again we went back to New York via ‘The Crossing’, a fantastic duty free shopping outlet. We only had 1.5 hours there—not long enough.

Back in New York we went to see *The Jersey Boys* on Broadway, and then a Country and Western night at the Opry Building (courtesy of Julie and Leigh for our birthdays).



Jersey Boys poster

We bought a Broadway walking tour of Theatres around Times Square, with a great deal of history: Majestic Theatre (Phantom of the Opera has been going since 1988). We bought tickets to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum; Madam Tussauds; and visited Macey’s shopping centre.

On Tuesday evening before we came home, we took a sunset harbour cruise to the Statue of Liberty, in perfect weather. The lights of New York are just amazing. We left New York for home via Los Angeles on 5th September. Auckland to Adelaide was 23hrs flying time.

We arrived home on 7th September, after an amazing trip with amazing friends. We’re so very lucky and grateful to have the good health to be able to travel. ■



9/11 Memorial pool



Leigh, Julie, Jenny, Peter ready to go to the Jersey Boys



Peter & Jenny on harbour cruise to Statue of Liberty

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All her life men decided how she would live, what she would dream, who she would worship, who she would marry.

Then she met Johann (Aden Young) and a forbidden love was born.

"A gem..... exquisite landscape photography by Russell Boyd....."

FRANK HATHERLEY—SCREEN INTERNATIONAL

Quorn Men's Shed News

A trip to Crystal Brook

FOUR MEMBERS OF the Quorn Men's Shed attended the Australian Men's Shed Association picnic at Bowman Park, Crystal Brook, hosted by the Crystal Brook Men's Shed.

It was a very informative and enjoyable day, with members from thirteen Mid North sheds attending. A doctor gave a presentation on cancer, mental health and other issues that confront men, and how men's shed can help to prevent or alleviate some of these issues. The men enjoyed discussing the topics and swapped yarns with others, enjoying some great fellowship.

A presentation was given by Whyalla, Booleroo Centre, Bute and Crystal Brook on their shed's activities and membership. The speaker for Crystal Brook said their shed's membership was great—over forty—but they did not have a shed, and were having problems getting approval to build one.

A barbeque lunch and afternoon activities—discussions and a raffle followed.

Men's Sheds are a great benefit to the community. They provide companionship, activities and stimulation, which is important for mental health and wellbeing, especially for men who are not working anymore

Quorn Men's shed is in need of new members, and men of all ages with or without skills are welcome to come and visit us. We meet on Thursdays at 9am to 1pm for a cup of coffee or a chat, at 10 Seventh Street.

Please note that on every second Thursday at 8am we host a men's breakfast for the Flinders Ranges Council. All men are invited and you don't have to be a member of the shed. (See dates in *Mercury*).

Geoff Woodlands
Quorn Men's Shed
10 Seventh Street
Quorn 5433
Phone 0429 098 303



Honor Board Restoration

THE QUORN MEN'S SHED was given the responsibility of restoring the Quorn Public School Honor Board, 1914 to 1919.

Their task was to have it ready for unveiling, during the Quorn Area School Reunion, on the October long weekend.

The men spent many hours sanding by hand, and preparing the wood for treatment before staining and finishing with linseed oil.

The unveiling of the Quorn Public School Honor Board was a significant event for the community. Quorn's Men's Shed has done an outstanding job. The Quorn Public School Honor Board will continue to remind us all of the sacrifices and bravery of those who have gone before us.

Quorn Men's Shed are always looking for new members. Contact Geoff Woodlands 0429 098 303 ■



Several months were spent restoring the Honor Roll



Geoff Woodlands (at right), among the many restorers



Mayor Peter Slattery unveils the Honor Roll



Lyall Voight and Geoff Woodlands at the unveiling

School News



Final Stages of SACE

In the coming weeks our Year 12 students will be completing their Stage Two SACE examinations as they close the chapter on their schooling careers.

SACE Information night

On Wednesday 24th October at 5:30pm, a SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education) information night for families was held for parents wanting to learn more about their child's education. The session explained:

- What the SACE is
- How to achieve the SACE
- Subject options for your child in 2019

Big Write

Big Write has been a focus of our primary classes in recent months and many thanks to those teachers who have worked tirelessly to get this vital initiative up and running. The engagement of the learners in these sessions has improved significantly as they gain confidence in their ability to skilfully express themselves.

Heath and Physical Education Programs

During Term 4, students from years 7–10 will be participating in a unit of work on Tennis, where we will be utilising the community courts to learn some techniques and rules associated with the game.

During HPE, we have also been participating in some fitness circuits to increase our physical fitness levels and have completed some prior fitness tests so that we can compare against some post-tests after we have completed the training sessions.



Bowls

The Year 1–4 HPE students have been lucky enough to begin a four week unit on Lawn Bowls this term. Our first session was on Monday this week. The very



kind members of the Quorn Bowling Club will make themselves available to support the students in learning correct technique and the rules of the game.

Aquatics

In Week 3 the Year 6–8 and 9/10 students will each be participating in one day of Aquatics at the Port Augusta Aquatics Centre.

SAPOL Visits

On Thursday 27th September, we had some special visitors from the Port Augusta and Quorn Police Station who kindly ran some workshops with our students. The workshops had a safety focus, which included more in depth information regarding our new local skate park. Students were able to clarify any misconceptions they had, as well as listen to important information regarding general safety and road rules when riding bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. It was lovely for the students to meet our local Police Officer, Brandon Poynter.

For the older students, the workshop included important information on bullying and harassment. The students worked on scenarios in groups and reported what they would do if faced with certain bullying and harassment situations. ■



Year 3/4 Camp

During Week 8 of Term 3 our Yr 3/4 class went to Kookaburra Creek Retreat just outside Melrose. We had 3 days of activities based around Science, HASS and Outdoor Education. We visited the Melrose Heritage Centre, cooked our own evening meals, conducted experiments, created a mess, went bush walking, explored Alligator Gorge, became tired, laughed, were blown about in the wind, but most importantly—we had fun, lots of fun. ■



Back to Schools Reunion

Back to Schools Reunion Poster Competition. Congratulations to Flynn (absent), Levi and Kayla for winning prizes with their 'Back to Schools' poster entries. Students were presented with their prizes by Joy Lee and Shirley Dawson.



State Country Basketball

Congratulations to Codin Mason for his selection in the State U18 Country Basketball Team.



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THE REBUILDING OF LIVES after war is an ongoing process, so to be able to see it first hand was an daunting experience. From quiet Quorn we travelled to the Invictus Games here in Sydney. We have been amazed by the solutions people have found to adapt to their injuries.



Above—Two competitors at the games

The two photos above show what is possible. Dave Watson left, a UK veteran who has had lower limb and an arm amputated. And (right) a boy with cerebral palsy on a cycle designed for him.

Years ago they would not have benefited from this modern technology.

Although the games are primarily for veterans it was good to see that young people were permitted to join in.

We have been lucky to be able to watch many sports events over the past week — hand-cycling, wheelchair rugby, sitting volleyball, and two full days of athletics.

There is no medal tally as all competitors try to achieve personal goals.

The ‘problems’ that people suffer can best be explained in photos but they show only the physical side. Paul Guest, “(Bulldog)”



Above—Personal goals go out the window to help a mate.

had been unable to go out safely on the street for 10 years. Even after partially succeeding broke down after a news helicopter entered his head space.

Friends and Family help to make it all possible.

Peter and Jean Sandles ■



Above—a double amputee on the power lifting



Left—a competitor with “peripheral vision only” being assisted by her coach

Working with adversity.

Walking Along Local Trails

OUR LOCAL TRAILS are open all year round except for the Devil's Peak, which is closed for the Fire Ban Season. National Parks Trails such as Mt Brown and The Dutchman's Stern are closed only on days of Catastrophic Fire Bans.

If you want to walk any Flinders Ranges National Park Trails (Wilpena Pound and further north), ring first (8648 0048), as some of theirs are occasionally closed for other reasons.

There are at least 28 Walking Trails close enough to Quorn to drive to and walk within a single day, without needing to hurry. They were described in the last three years' *Mercurys*.

They will be bound in a booklet available for you to look at early next year. I hope they'll be in the Quorn Visitors Information Centre, and in the School-Community Library too.



Sue Marshall demonstrating using Walking Poles, though she doesn't normally. They're great if you've lost your sense of balance, and are popular for making walking much easier

Don't be put off by the length of some of these Trails. There's no need to walk all the way. You can simply set off and, when tired, turn around and return the way you came.

If you've never done this kind of thing before, start off aiming at no more than one km out and one back. Try to do this once a week. Driving out and back, and walking that far, will fit easily into a morning or an afternoon.

The Trails are all cleared and well marked, so you're hardly likely to get lost. Check the information on Poles and Checkpoints as you walk, so you'll always know where you are. Many of the Trails have Information Bays at their start.

It's a good idea to go with at least one, preferably two companions. If you hurt yourself and



You can get backpacks/rucksacks of all sizes—they don't have to be big like the right-hand one. The left-hand size should be fine. You could borrow one from a school student to try

can't get reception for your mobile, your companion can walk up higher to get reception, or walk out to get help.

But if you're walking on your own, let someone know what time you should be back by, with plenty to spare. Then, if you don't ring by that time, your Contact can raise the alarm.

For Longer Walks

YOU DON'T NEED to take much with you. Borrowing backpacks (also called rucksacks) from school students to try out, is a good idea. You can buy them from Big W for as little as \$15.

You might take ❶ water to drink and a bit of food for if you get hungry, ❷ a mobile phone, ❸ a lightweight pullover *only if* it looks cold, ❹ a very lightweight waterproof parka *only if* it looks like rain, ❺ a few first aid items, ❻ a hat and sunglasses to protect your face and eyes, ❼ a small can of Aerogard *or* a fly-net to keep flies off, ❽ a plastic bag for your rubbish,—and ❾ at times a small pocket knife can come in handy, too. (See last two photos for *full* lists.)

It's a good idea to wear long loose pants such as jeans, and a shirt with long sleeves to protect yourself from the weather. If you wear shorts and short sleeves, use sunscreen. (*Continued*)



Boots or sneakers, even closed-toes sandals are fine. But if you want to do a lot of walking, or if you're a walker who drags your toes, turned-up soles at the front are a good idea. Otherwise you're likely to kick the front of your soles apart

(Continued from last page) You don't need fancy boots. Sneakers are fine. Some sure-footed walkers even wear sandals, but stubbing your toes isn't recommended if you do!

Wear *two* pairs of socks inside your shoes. This prevents getting blisters on your feet.

If you don't like ants and bull-ants crawling up your legs, insect-spray your shoes all over, before you set off.

Make sure your water bottle(s) won't break easily. The 'drop test' for one is to fill it with water, and drop it on concrete from shoulder-height. And make sure the lid is strong enough, too. Don't fill your water bottle to its brim, but leave a tiny space to stop it from bursting.

And especially don't believe that you must drink a huge amount of water. For a morning or afternoon walk, a litre is enough. Most people mistake a dry mouth and throat as thirst, and guzzle water to make them moist. Yet a moment later, they're dry again. That's *not* thirst!

All you need to do is take any kind of small sweets that last a long time. And you don't suck one or chew it, but simply leave it in your mouth to dissolve very slowly. It keeps your mouth and throat moist and keeps you from mistakenly thinking you're thirsty all the time.



Clockwise from top left—container of a few biscuits; two muesli bars; four examples of mouth-moistening sweets (Lifesavers, Soothers, Menthols, Barley Sugar); fruit in a plastic bag

If you must drink, one small mouthful at a time is plenty. But leave it in your mouth for several minutes to moisten its insides. Never drink from other's water bottles—if they're suffering from anything, you may catch it too.

Keep food simple. A couple of muesli bars, a few biscuits, maybe a piece of fruit, is plenty. You won't die of starvation in a single day!

'Scroggin' (Scots word) is a famous old walking item. Fill a *small* bag with a mixture of peanuts, almonds, cashews, sultanas, raisins, a

few tiny chocolate pieces, etc, etc, etc, and you have 'scroggin'. Carry the bag in a pocket, and make it last through your entire walk.



From left & down—hat, sunglasses, spare shoelace; large 10 cm band-aids, roll 2.5 cm stretch adhesive tape, 6 headache tablets, safety pins, scissors or pen-knife; 1 or 2 half-litre water bottles, Aerogard or fly-net, toilet paper, plastic bag for rubbish

And Now a Few Hints

WALK FOR 25 minutes and rest for 5 minutes. Soldiers do 50 and 10, but the shorter rest keeps your muscles warmer for when you start again.

If there are several of you, always put the *slowest* in front. It *isn't* a race, it's *not* a contest!

If the day's coolish, don't start off wearing a pullover, because you'll soon warm up and have to mess around taking it off.

Especially if wearing long pants and long sleeves, get used to sweating inside them. It's worth learning not to be bothered by it. In fact, it's better for you because the water you're sweating doesn't get lost nearly as fast.

If you're old and losing your sense of balance, use Walking Poles as you can see in the first photo. They're quite common nowadays.

If you need to go to the toilet, *dig a hole* and bury everything. You can usually find a sharpish stone to dig one. Get well off the path, and take your backpack with you—walkers *have* lost their backpacks in the bush before!

Anything you're carrying that would be useless if soggy from rain, should be in a plastic bag to keep it dry (such as toilet paper).

There's an old walkers' saying, 'Leave nothing behind but your thanks'. Don't throw anything away, not even tissues, orange peel, banana skins, or apple cores. It's wrong to think animals will eat peel and cores, or that tissues degrade instantly. No one wants to walk along a trail through the bush or forest or even over open country, when it's littered with rubbish.

Walk yourself fit, and enjoy life far more! ■

Quorn Interschool and HRCVA Gymkhana

ON MONDAY 24th September I coordinated the first Quorn Area Interschool and HRCVA Gymkhana as part of my SACE Research Project.

It was run as a second Horses in Action day with Quorn Agricultural Show. I would like to thank the committee immensely for their support. It was very successful day in perfect weather.

There were 20 Horse and rider combinations and eight schools represented. Schools participating were Quorn Area School, Seaview Christian College, Samaritan College, Edward John Eyre High School, Whyalla High School, Port Augusta Secondary School, Booleroo Centre and Stirling North Primary School.

Seaview Christian College won the School High Points Shield.

A competition for members of the (Horse HRCVA—Riding Clubs Association Victoria) which is a fast growing group of Riders with good representation in our local area, was won by Trudy Mudge on “*Chalani Walkabout*”.

Quorn Area School riders Jaquarra Chapman won the Local High Points combination; Mackenzie Chapman the Junior Judges Choice trophy for Show Jumping. Teagan Murray riding her horse “*Boots*” competed very well and admirably shared *Boots* with Fletcher Hoare (who hadn’t ridden for six years since his last Interschool competition at Clare).

Lara Filsell “*Rusty*” is new to competition riding but competed beautifully all day.

I would like to thank my fellow QAS students who supported this event even if it was not the discipline of their choice. It was great to see them having fun.

High Points Combination was won by Ashlyn Clift riding “*MP Serenity*” Supreme Hack of the day was won by Lacey Gordon riding “*Tichmarsh Dynamic Shadow*”.

Judges were Amanda O’Loughlin, Emily Byerlee, Don Williams, Jane Whimpress, Janine Kranz and Dale Hilder.

Stewards were Aiden Hatley, Jacinta Hannigan, Inge Stokes, Bec Struck, Miss C and Jarred Hilder.

Announcer: Lyn Greenfield:

Recorder: Lorraine Hilder Official

Photographer: Lorie Paynter



Teagan Murray getting prepared to ride



Lara Filsell on Rusty



Jaquarra Chapman—winner Local High Points Combination.
Leather bridle trophy handmade by Terry Williams

(Gymkhana report continued)

Matt Williams set up microphone and sound system.

Great entertainment was provided watching Fletcher do the obstacle course using some unconventional methods to pick up a tennis ball from a cone.

Thank you so much to the volunteer officials who helped make the day run smoothly and stress free.

A very big thank you to the Men's Shed who catered for Breakfast and Lunch, and to all my family and friends who cooked and worked on the cake stall to help make the day profitable.

Thanks to the Coffee and Strawberry van who stayed the extra day after the show to give the competitors their fix.

The day would not have even been possible if it weren't for the very generous sponsors.

A very big thank you to:

- Quorn Pre Loved Boutique
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- Crombie's Bulk haulage
- Jane Whimpress

The event made a profit of \$1,224.41, I will retain a small amount to help run next year's event, dividing the remainder with Quorn Community sporting groups.

Thank you to everyone who helped especially in packing up at the end of the day. Thank you Amanda and Mum, for all your invaluable assistance and to Amanda, Anthony, Mum and Bronwyn for helping me pick up the horse manure from the oval! Thank you to Flinders Ranges Council and Quorn Cricket Club for their support of the event.

I am hopeful and excited to run this event again next year in my last year of schooling, and as part of Quorn Agricultural Shows 100th Anniversary.

I hope I have more competitors and to compete, now that I have the confidence to pull it off.

Chloe Hilder ■



Above- Whips made by Terry Williams
Left- Garland ribbon & Trophies



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Flanked by Trinity Skate Park personnel, Eddie Hughes MP and Mayor Peter Slattery, open Quorn Skate Park



Aileen Shannon (at left) delivered the Welcome to Country



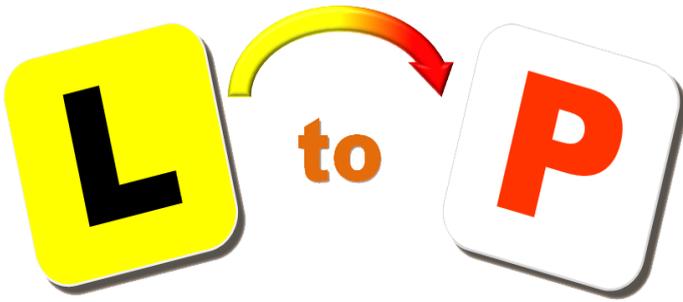
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Classified Adverts

Meals on Wheels

Notice to all Volunteers
Roster for 2019 will be drawn up as 2018 roster.

If you do not wish to deliver Meals on Wheels please let Kath Altmann know by November.

New volunteers are required.
Men are most welcome.

Opp Shop News

New Summer Clothes now in stock. Come and browse.

Current Donations given:

Codin Mason to attend state basket ball programme \$500.

Flinders House Christmas cheer \$300.

The shop has purchased a new air conditioner for volunteers' comfort \$3000.

There are some monies for Christmas activities available if required. Please apply in writing.
Shop is open market days and some Saturdays.

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 and clause F if the instrument of general approval of the Minister dated 2 August 2013, "The Quorn Remembrance Day Service" has been declare an event to which section 33 applies and that the following roads will be closed wo vehicle traffic between 10:30am and 11:10am on Sunday 11 November 2018.

Within the Flinders Ranges Council:-

Sixth Street, Quorn between First Street and Railway Terrace

Railway Terrace, Quorn between Fifth Street and Seventh Street.

Pilates

Pilates is re-commencing on
November 7th
9am Rehab room, Quorn hospital
All Welcome

Rainfall

October (to 28/9)	13mm
YTD	160mm

Thank you

Spider and Gerry would like to sincerely thank everyone for cards, gifts, phone calls, visits and messages since Kevin took ill.

Gerry in particular would like to thank all those who have given their time to drive her to the hospital to visit Kevin.

Special thanks to Drs Tony and Vic and all the staff at Quorn Hospital.

Please be assured your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

December Edition

We are looking for ideas for the front page.

Devil's Peak in the snow?

Wallabies with hats?

All suggestions welcome

Correction

The October *Chat with a Quornie* stated that Mat William's Grandparents bought Narcoona Station. It should have read Mat's Great Grandparents. We apologise for the error.

Health Calendar

Requests for Allied Health 1300 760 177
November

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist:
Diabetes Education:
Dietitian:
Physiotherapist:
Occupational Therapist:
Speech Pathologist:
Social Worker:

Bookings **8642 3201**



November

Anglican Church of St Mathew
Three services a year:

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

If required for a funeral service
Ph: 8648 6162 or 8648 6763

Catholic Church
Church of the Immaculate
Conception

Parish Priest: Father Jimmy Pantin
Sunday Mass 8.30am
Weekday Mass (W-S) 9.00am

Flinders Christian Fellowship
Sunday Service Weekly 10.00am
Lunch Mon & Thurs 12pm
Bible study Tues 12:30pm

Uniting Church
Sunday Service Weekly 11.00am

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events November 2018

Regular Events

Quorn

Powell Gardens Working

Bee—

2nd Sunday and 4th
Thursday of the month

Quorn Produce and Craft market Sunday

25th

Quorn Book Club

Wednesday 21st 7pm at Ask
for the book at the Library.
For more info **Phone** Sam
Nester 0456 129 870

Women's Fellowship—

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

Its Story Time 10am at the QAS Community Library

7th and 21st November

Quorn Men's shed

Breakfast 1st, 15th & 29th

Spit Roast

Emily's Bistro every
Sunday

Interested in Interpub Pool Competition?

Transcontinental Pub every
Wednesday night 7.30pm
Light supper
Register at the pub

Events November

2nd Friday Night Tennis Quorn Tennis

Courts all ages. Come and try. BBQ
provided. BYO salads

9th Competition starts 5pm to 6pm.

Hot shots (ages 5 plus) 6pm to 9pm

Fast Four Competition (ages 11 to adults)

Season subs apply

4th Quorn Cricket Club Auction Quorn Oval at 10am. Fully catered event

9th Quorn and Hawker Swimming Pool opening season November 2018 to 11 March 2019

3rd 10th 17th and 24th Pichi Richi Twilight train departing 5.30pm Quorn Railway Station-Woolshed Flat return

6th Hawker Melbourne Cup Lunch

12pm Hawker Sporting Club \$40
RSVP Monday 29th to Jessica Morgan
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6th Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Transcontinental Hotel Quorn from 10am

8th Hawker Races AGM

7.30pm at the Sporting Complex

8th Quorn Jockey Club AGM

7.30pm at the Transcontinental

Karaoke Night Criterion Hotel 9th from 6pm till late sing and find out "which rock star are am I"

Remembrance Day Hawker 11th a combined church service will be held at the Hawker War Memorial with tea and coffee available

Remembrance Day Quorn 100 year anniversary of the signing of the Armistice ending World War One from 10.30am at the Quorn War Memorial Railway Tee

Regular Events

Quorn

Line dancing

Tuesday nights 6.30pm Town Hall. Cost \$6

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm Uniting Church
Hall

Probus

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

Aerobics/Walking Exercise

Mon and Thurs Anglican Church Hall
6.00pm. Cost \$2

Quilting Group

Fridays. Austral Hotel all day
Everyone welcome

Quorn Bowling Club

Interested in playing a game of Social
Bowls?

Mondays 1.00pm for 1.30pm start or
Thursday evenings 7pm
Everyone welcome to join in the fun!

Hawker

Quilting Group—Friday fortnightly
Community Group—Tuesday fortnightly
Friendship Group—3rd Wednesday
Development Board—3rd Monday

Sing Australia Hawker

All welcome to sing!
Fridays 3.30-5.00pm
Hawker Hospital Community Room

Quote of the Month

*Little by little one walks far.
Peruvian Proverb*



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REMEMBRANCE DAY

100 Year Anniversary of the
signing of the Armistice ending
World War One!

SUNDAY, 11 November 2018

Quorn War Memorial

10.30 Assemble for March

Railway Tce from the Corner of Seventh Street to the War Memorial. The march is to re-enact the celebration in 1918 as in the picture. Everyone is encouraged to march. Especially all Service People, Retired Service People and those who march in honour of a service person

10.50 Welcome

Prayer Micah 4: 3-5

Reading of Poem - In Flanders Field

Commemorative Address

Laying of the Wreath

The Ode

Last Post

11:00 One Minute Silence

The Rouse - Raising of the Flag

The National Anthem

