# GOYDERS LINE GAZETTE APRIL 2024 Newsletter No. 335

FREE

# WIN FOR ORROROO BOWLING CLUB



Above: (Back) George Hombsch, Brian Kuerschner, Brian McNamara, Stuart Shute, Rob Bollinger, Ken McKay, Megan Goehring, Nick Piggott (Front) Tom Reddaway, Allan Chapman, Geoff Power, Taryn Ackland, Jenny Liebich,



Above: Orroroo Bowling Club Trophy winners 2024 (Back) Jim Kuerschner (Pairs runner up), Grant Chapman (Pairs runner up, champ singles runner up), Tom Reddaway (100 up winner), Alan Anesbury (champ singles winner), Kym Ackland (pairs winner), Mark Greep (pairs winner, 100 up runner up) (Front) Yvonne O'Dea (champ singles & Pairs runner up), Maria Heywood (champ singles winner, pairs winner), Jenny Liebich (Pairs runner up). Absent Carol Ackland (pairs winner)



Above: Taryn Ackland accepting the Mahood shield

#### Message from the Mayor

At last some cooler weather although still no significant rain. A good opening rain would be very welcome for everyone.

Once again we can be very proud of our small community. Bendleby Ranges has again featured in the Australian Tourism Awards. They won silver in the Adventure Tourism category. A huge congratulations to Charlie and Kylie on this outstanding achievement. We are very lucky to have such a successful tourism destination in our local area. Bendleby as well as the other tourism operations in our area have a big flow on effect for the local businesses.

Our local sporting teams have also had a very successful final series. The Under 16 cricket team were winners of the Grand Final. Well done Paul Gameau and his boys. Both the Orroroo tennis and cricket teams played in their respective Grant Finals but both lost. Well done on making the grand final.

The Mahood bowlers were also winners in their grand final against Gulnare. The Wednesday Blieschke East Division team also won their grand final against Melrose. Many congratulations on an outstanding year to both these teams.



The Boucher bowlers made it to the preliminary final but were beaten by Laura by a fair margin. The Orroroo Bowling Club should be proud of their efforts both on and off the green this last bowling season. Other events this last month include the Carrieton campdraft and the Orroroo street markets. These events would not happen without the effort put in by many volunteers. A huge thank you to all those involved. There is always room for more volunteers.

Cross our fingers for some decent rain soon.

Cheers Grant

#### From the Council Desk

Short and sweet for this month's article, administration Council staff are busily preparing budgets and the associated documents for the consideration of Council. As mentioned previously, recent inflationary pressures are impacting on our depreciation costs of our \$52million in built form assets, this is increasing budget pressures.



Once again we have seen destructed localised flooding storms that have affected our road networks in the North of the district. So far this year we have spent a great deal of our small external staffing resources cleaning up damage. When this flooding occurs repeatedly it is costly and just a bit frustrating and demoralising for the staff in dealing with repeat flooding issues. Unfortunately due to the topography of the land, it is very hard to improve the water flow for these type of events and when the rain is dropped so quickly it has to go somewhere!

We held an information evening this last month to provide information about our upgraded Orroroo Transfer Station and the fees that are proposed in relation to the services. This was attended by a great deal of people, approximately 50 locals, and it was a meeting with plenty of conversation and engagement (pictured below). It was great to see so many interested people in waste!! It was pleasing that I had the opportunity to explain the process and decision making that 'sits behind' the proposed fees and charges. This also enabled me to explain that ultimately all of those fees and charges are designed for a cost recovery model and a user pays system. The benefit that comes out of a user pays model is that this will also likely enable an overall 'reduction' in the current Waste Charges seen on rates notices.

Anyway that's my short blurb for this month - I'm off to talk to Ministers about improving our access to Childcare! I won't give up.

Paul Simpson





#### **CLEANERS WANTED**

Council is seeking reliable, motivated and versatile cleaners for casual roles in various locations across the District. We are seeking applications from candidates with a



strong eye for detail who are able to clean to a high standard, keep storage areas stocked and organised, have excellent customer service skills and at times work with minimal supervision. Previous cleaning experience is an advantage.

Successful applicants must undergo a preemployment medical and provide evidence of a current National Police check and Working with Children Check.

Written applications of no more than one page plus your CV can be forwarded to

<u>council@orroroo.sa.gov.au</u>. For further information or to discuss your interest please contact Ann at the Council Office on 8658 1260.

Next Council Meeting will be held Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 9am in the Orroroo Council Chambers.

Thanks to all the participants, who joined the aquarobics groups and the morning swimming/ exercise & conversation sessions at the orroroo community swimming pool this swimming season!

Thanks to Barry Moody for the excellent maintenance (& forbearance with the endless chatter!)
And to the DCOC for making it possible!



We enjoyed the experience and hopefully we will all be ready in November to "Make a Splash" again.

John & Margaret!

Thank goodness no one required any lifesaving!

### PROBUS REPORT



Orroroo probus club met on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March with 16 members attending and six apologies.

Beryl Luke still on sick list but feeling better. Birthdays for March:

- Helga Belser 5<sup>th</sup>
- Beth Reynolds 6<sup>th</sup>

Wedding anniversaries for March: Lawrence & Dawn Sims on the  $1^{st}$  (1975), John & Myra Arthur on  $2^{nd}$  (1957).

Flinders Gin tour to Quorn on 15<sup>th</sup> March leaving Orroroo at 9.30am and stopping at Wilmington for morning tea.

Treasurers report with a closing balance of \$563.99.

Morning melodies for 2024 are Belles of Broadway on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 11am and South Australian Police Band on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 11am.

Our guest speaker was Linda Chapman, talking and showing slides on her recent tour of many countries in Europe.

PS as capitation fees have risen to \$ 19 subscriptions are rising to \$35 for this year.

### **FULL STEAM AHEAD AT PEKINA**

#### **Monopole for Pekina**

One can only imagine what workers at the 1890s manganese flux mine at Hehir's Hill about two kilometres east of Pekina would make of the machinery, equipment, infrastructure and activity near the old mine site over the last few weeks. The machinery would have certainly made life on the job a lot easier but then again, they didn't know any different.

In 2024, after months of planning, design and preparation, work is finally proceeding on the instalation of the mobile phone tower facility at Pekina at the foot of Hehir's Hill. Initially two construction workers associated with the Amplitel project, managed by telecommunications contractor Comstar Systems based in Hobart, arrived in Orroroo on Monday 26th February. Site supervisor Alberto 'Albe' Vanetti and his offsider Tony Wells sailed overnight across Bass Strait on the Spirit of Tasmania on the 25th with a ute and two bags and picked up a truck and trailer, 'Bobcat' mini excavator, and all tools and equipment for the job at Geelong and Adelaide and headed north. Albe and Tony were soon joined by a myriad of contract workers and machinery etc from the local area, Adelaide and interstate. The 'tower' itself, delivered on two semitrailers from Albury-Wodonga, is a free-standing, 40 metre high, hollow, spun-concrete 'monopole', in four sections - a seven metre long foundation section concreted in the ground in a seven metre deep, 1.5 metre diameter hole, two 15 metre sections (7 and 10 tonnes each) and a 10 metre section (about 12 tonnes) all bolted and epoxy-resined together.



Two down, one to go at Pekina tower....

The pole is 1.2 metres in diameter at ground level tapering down to 400mm at the top. The hole was dug by a large 'post hole borer' (McMillan Contracting piling drill rig) and lifting done by two Tadano mobile cranes from Max Cranes Port Augusta/Whyalla. Three loads of concrete for the job came from Jamestown.

Weather conditions when it 'all happened' on  $28^{\text{th}}$  and  $29^{\text{th}}$  were far from ideal, extremely hot, windy and dusty. Thunder storms in the area saw the humidity increase and 18mm of rain was dumped on the site on March  $1^{\text{st}}$ , making work conditions somewhat draining. While the concrete base was curing Albe and Tony got on with the job of preparing the compound site, the equipment hut was delivered and the boys took a well-earned weekend break.

Rehydrated and recuperated they returned to erect the compound fence and lay conduit for power - a new Stobie pole and transformer is to be connected to the existing SWER line adjacent to the road. The Tasmanian boys left on 13<sup>th</sup> March - next stop Tarcowie Telstra telephone exchange site where a similar 50 metre high tower is to be built soon. Erection of the tower got underway on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March but came to a halt when a fault in the smaller crane (70 tonne capacity) immobilised it and work stopped, with only the base pole section bolted down.

The crane was eventually repaired on site and it was planned to complete the erection on Saturday 23rd but strong winds prevented this and it was rescheduled for Monday. A second Comstar construction crew from Adelaide - 'the United Nations' - site supervisor/ rigger Alex Bourdylev (Russia), 'big Serge' Gomanyuk (Kazakhstan) and 'small Serge' Bereziuk (Ukraine) was on site to bolt the sections together. Whilst fluent in English the three blokes spoke to each other in Russian. They were interested in the Ukraine flag - so far from home - 'in the bush' at Almond Tree Corner near Appila. On Monday morning the two crane drivers and two riggers from Whyalla, and the Comstar crew were back on site and the skilful job of erecting the tower was all over by mid-afternoon. Completion of the project mounting of the antenna and associated cabling will be carried out over the next few weeks. Locals are looking forward to the 'switching on' of the Pekina-Tarcowie mobile service.

Written by John Mannion









# CONGRATULATIONS BENDLEBY RANGES

Following their induction into Tourism SA's Hall of Fame, Bendleby Ranges represented South Australia in the Adventure Tourism category of tourism's "Night of Nights" at the National Tourism Awards in Darwin last month.

Bendleby's continued commitment to providing an outstanding experience resulted in to a third straight podium finish - this time winning a silver award.

"We are delighted to be recognised as a high-quality experience as a tourism operator" said director Kylie Luckraft.

They actively encourage more visitors looking to explore the beauty of the Southern Flinders Ranges and experience the history and adventures that the property and region has to offer.



# From Orroroo to Hallett From Melrose to Laura From Peterborough to Crystal Brook

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Training sessions with Ray Sims have commenced this month, introducing more members to the art of archiving and searching for historical information within the collection. Participants are now eager to utilise their new-found skills! As some members of the Group acquire more knowledge of the collection and hopefully later in the year, with computerisation and internet access, there will be more opportunities for the community to access historical information.

James Matthew Cadzow & Selina Thomas Cadzow, (nee Webster) (pictured right), erected a small factory in Orroroo and started

butter making in a modest way but business grew in cream and butter. There is much information within the archives of this venture.



They received first prize in Adelaide and London for their butter. Trophies are on display at the Orroroo Historical Society.

(The JM Cadzow Orroroo Butter Factory opening in 1907 picture left)

The next meeting of the Orroroo Historical Society will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 3pm at 9 Fourth Street Orroroo.



DOORS OPEN 6:30 - EYES DOWN 7PM

\$15 per book - dabbers \$2ea (play as many books as you want) 5 games, plus chocolate wheel draws

Light supper provided, BYO drinks

All prizes donated by our generous sponsors

RSVP appreciated for catering purposes 0427869494 or Car5431 Facebook page











#### Fire Ban season for the Flinders District is scheduled to finish on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Please check <u>cfs.sa.gov.au</u> for updates





### CARRIETON NEWS

#### **Rainfall:**

After a very dry February rainfall throughout the district ranged from 33mm at Eurelia to 16mm at Almerta. On Easter Monday thunderstorms bought recording for April of 50mm to some areas while nearby places recorded nothing. The heavy rain created havoc for Easter campers who were challenged with flooding creeks and slippery roads. Thankfully all tour operators with past & local experience were able to get all travellers away safely.

**To Mark Woods our local Policeman**, the Carrieton community wish you a speedy recovery & hope to see you back soon.

**Welcome** to the new Carrieton Hotel owners Teri & Garry (pictured below). On Thursday's opening, locals were pleased to meet the new owners & socialise in the familiar bar again.



**A big thankyou** & best wishes to Jess & Steve Watson who refurbished & reopened the hotel three years ago and have moved onto pursue other business interests while staying in Carrieton with their children Edward & Edith.

The **Anesbury** / **Hombsch families** met at the Carrieton Caravan Park for a reunion & reminisce over old times. Within the old school grounds it was good to hear their family's school and sport challenges in their younger days. The Anesbury families recorded their stay at the Carrieton Caravan Park with a kangaroo marker (pictured below)



**The swimming pool has closed** with an active finish to the season. Thankyou to Annie, Lizzie & Council for maintaining the pool.

**Great work** Shane Rowe who has been successful in gaining a grant from the 2023/2024 Social Impacts Grant Funding for \$10,000 to install access steps to the Carrieton swimming pool. The Carrieton swimming club will contribute \$2,500.

**Carrieton Progress & Rodeo Club** will be holding general meetings in April. Facebook 'Carrieton out and about' will announce definite dates & times.

**Reminder – Carrieton Trash & Treasure** will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Kings Birthday weekend). A great range of stalls within the Memorial Hall to meet many household needs & desires. If you wish to contribute please contact Gaye Rowe on 8658 9042 or 0427 589 040.

**The end of daylight savings** will make it easier for school children to rise and meet the school bus in daylight. May the school holidays bring a restful break to students and parents after a buy first school term.

**St Raphaels Catholic Mass** times remain at 6pm Saturday evenings during April.



# **CARRIETON NEWS**

# ANZAC **DAY 2024** CARRIETON

**Corner Main & Second St** Dawn Service 0600 **Main Service 1030** 









#### **ANZAC DAY THURSDAY 25 APR 2024 - CARRIETON**

The Carrieton community will be commemorating ANZAC Day at the Carrieton War Memorial Thursday 25th April. The dawn service will include gun fire breakfast, egg & bacon rolls cooked by the CPA. The main service will begin at 1030 with speeches, wreath laying & the last post. The Carrieton Hotel will be open from 1100am for Drinks & Lunch -Two up and live Music in the Afternoon

#### **TIMINGS**

0600 - Dawn Service



1030 - Main Service

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**





0407 394 072 🏻 steve.watson3@yahoo.com.au

Attendees are encouraged to lay a wreath for a loved one and say a few words on their behalf if they wish. Please make yourself known to the MC prior to the 1030 Service

# ORROROO MENS SHED

Late in 2023 a meeting was held at the Orroroo Golf Club to gauge interest in an Orroroo Men's Shed being set up. A wonderful turnout showed there was great interest and the ball started rolling!

At a further meeting a committee was elected:

- President: Richard Bramley
- · Secretary: Tim Froling
- Treasurer: Neil Dyer

Committee: Jack Hoare, Bob Wortley, Rob Gibb Project Co-ordinator: Rob Bollinger (who did much of the

initial groundwork).

In November an inspection was held of the proposed site of the Orroroo Men' Shed at the Railway yards. To be precise at the western end of the Portable Grainery at the Railway Yards. A special Thank You to Matt Ackland for making the site available and for all his support.

Things slowed down with the Festive season and the need to arrange insurance and other legalities. Now that has all been arranged the Orroroo Men's Shed Inc is up and running after another meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March and a Working Bee on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you to Rob Bollinger, Tim Froling and Danny Turner and anyone else who attended on 27<sup>th</sup> March. There is still a great deal of work to be done to get everything sorted but we are now in business.

The Shed will be open from 10am and 4pm every Wednesday. Work will continue on cleaning up and setting things up to meet the Men's Shed needs.

Membership Fees: \$50 per annum payable to the President or Treasurer. This will include insurance. Thank You to the following organisations and individuals that have supported the establishment of our Men's Shed:

- The Orroroo Golf Club for the use of their club rooms for the Orroroo Men's Shed Inc meetings. The Orroroo Regional Tourism Group/ Second Chance Op Shop for a donation of \$2,000 to get the Shed up and running.
- The IGA and Commercial Hotel for their donations of drinks at the time of the site inspection. Anyone else who has made donations will be acknowledged in the future.

Anyone who would like to visit the Orroroo Men's Shed Inc on a Wednesday will be more than welcome.

Richard Bramley

#### **Orroroo Refuse Depot**



The Orroroo Waste Depot opening hours are as follows:

Wednesday 3pm - 5pm

Friday 1pm - 3pm

Sunday 10am - 2pm

The Depot will be shut on Fire Ban Days and when too windy and/or wet Contact: 8658 1260





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# Livestock Production: Late Pregnancy and Lambing

I think we can call it. We have officially hit crunch time for pregnant ewes.

Generally speaking, paddock feed is now fairly limited and late pregnancy is well underway for April/May lambers. This highlights a critical tipping point- ewes whose energy requirements are now rapidly increasing on feed which is rapidly declining (or already has) in quality and quantity. It doesn't take much for ewes to significantly slip back in condition at this time. Putting condition back can be costly and in late pregnancy often only results in overweight lambs. So in a nutshell, there is never a better time to act than now!

#### First steps

The best place to start is to know where you are at. Assess paddock feed, keeping in mind that the best value in stubbles for a ewe in late pregnancy is any grain left behind, and run a stocktake of feed on hand. Then condition score your ewes (wool can hide a lot). Keep in mind that condition score is a measure of fat and muscle over the short ribs and is a much more suitable measure for performance in breeding stock in comparison to fat score over the ribs. Scanning is a great time to do this but if this milestone has already passed, condition scoring can also be done when ewes are yarded for their prelambing vaccination.

#### Pre-lambing preparation

So what should you be considering in the lead-up to lambing?

- Meet energy requirements- most producers will need to supplementary feed to meet energy requirements in this period. Remember to introduce grain slowly to reduce the risk of acidosis.
- Confinement is another option many producers are using this year. This can reduce energy requirements by around 15% and is a great option when paddock feed is very low. If this is something that you are considering, please call to discuss how to manage this on your property.
- Pre-lambing health treatments- 4 to 6 weeks pre-lambing is a great time to give ewes their annual booster while also gaining the benefit of some protection being passed on to the newborn lamb via the milk. Check your worm burden and use an effective pre-lambing drench as needed. Other treatments to consider here include vitamin and mineral injections such as Multimin, B12 or AD&E.
- Keep mineral supplementation up Cereal grains are notoriously low in calcium and that is something that ewes need a lot of around lambing time. Deficiencies can lead to hypocalcaemia (milk fever) and ewe death. This is only a part of the picture and there are many more vitamins and minerals that interact and are critical at lambing time, as well as a few to avoid in excess.

Come in and see the team at Elders Orroroo or give me a call to discuss you pre-lambing plan.

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### ORROROO EQUINE CLUB

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### **Orroroo Equine Club Proposed Dates for 2024**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April Competition Day - 10am Start (**Pre Paid Entries by Friday** 

1st April- to allow for catering & the Day to go ahead)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May To Be Confirmed

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June Bill Willoughby Clinic at Pekina - To Be Confirmed Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June Bill Willoughby Clinic at Pekina - To Be Confirmed

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November
Annual General Meeting & Presentations TBA

Heat Rule Policy – If the forecasted temperature for the Sunday is 38 degrees or higher (forecasted on the Friday 10am by Bureau of Meteorology SA at <a href="http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/forecasts/flinders.shtml">http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/forecasts/flinders.shtml</a> the Rally Day shall be cancelled.

Or in the event of 2 inches or more of rain on the grounds the Saturday before the Rally Day, notice shall be given to Cancel the planned Rally Day.

All riders must be paid financial members of the Club or have a day membership to participate in any competitions/Rally day held by the Orroroo Equine Club.

Financial members may use the grounds to exercise their horses, any friends or invited riders must pay and have a Day Membership to ride or handle horses on the grounds. The Grounds Key is available by contacting the relevant Committee Member or President.

There is no set Dress Code apart from suitable/Safe Riding Attire & Saddlery. Helmets & Riding Boots are a Must!

The Orroroo Equine Club is a helpful & friendly Starting out Club. All Welcomed!

#### **2024 Committee**

President: Janelle Faggotter, Secretary: Emily Byerlee, Treasurer: Bonni Brooks Committee: Neil Byerlee, Nat & Teeharna Tapscott, Aby & Mikayla Sunners & Rebecca Williams.







# LIBRARY NEWS

#### FREE TECHNOLOGY SESSIONS

#### with Josh Furler

Thursdays 3:30pm - 5pm **Orroroo Community Library** One- on- One help is available each week Starting 1st February 2024 Bookings are essential. Please call the library on 86581100 to book your session.

#### **Opening Hours**

Monday 8.45am-3pm Tuesday - Friday 8.45am-5pm Closed weekends and public holidays

> **School Holiday Opening Hours** 14th -28th April

Monday closed Tuesday 1pm-5pm Wednesday and Friday 10.30am-5pm Thursday 12pm-5pm Closed weekends and public holidays



#### **NEW RELEASES**

#### **Adult Fiction**

Gum Tree Gully-M Magro A woman of courage-T Blanchard A shadow at the door-J Dixon

Celebrations in Bellbird Bay-M Christensen

Resurrection walk-M Connelly Sidelines-K Viggers Foul Play-F McIntosh The Blue gum camp-L Kelsall That summer magic-N Roberts The dinner party-r Heath

Heart of the river-C Adams Keep her Sweet-H Fitzgerald

#### **Adult Non-Fiction**

My Mother's Eyes-S Dawson Vegetable Gardening made easy

#### **Large Print**

Outcast Country -S Cole

The Shelly Bay Ladies Swimming Circle-S Green



Lego Batman (PG)

Sparkle (PG)

#### **Children's Fiction**

Little Ash: Puppy playtime, Lost Luck, Party Problem,

Sports Carnival

Roblox: Treasure Hunt, Survive the Island

#### Children's Non-Fiction

Echidna

Ghastly Gases, Brutal body, Evil Ecosystems The Ultimate Guide to Minecraft 2024

Ella Diaries: Dolphin Dreaming, Flash Mob Fever

#### **Children's Picture Fiction**

Frog Bluey BBQ

Bluey, Horray it's Easter Trucks- lift and look



#### LIZ HARFULL

#### **Author Visit**

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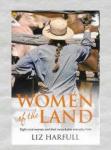
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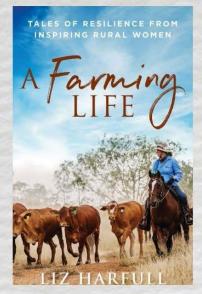


### FREE LIBRARY EVENT

# Afternoon Tea with LIZ HARFULL

Author of

A Farming Life: Tales of resilience from inspiring rural women



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16TH APRIL
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She has written ten books, including the much-loved Blue Ribbon Cookbook, about South Australian country shows and show cooks; national best seller Women of the Land, featuring women from around Australia running their own farms; and the women who changed country Australia, celebrating the astonishing story behind the foundation of the iconic Country Women's Association.

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#### Chronicle, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1938 - Page 50 YATINA - CITY THAT DID NOT GROW Surveyor's Dreams Of Another Adelaide Failed To Come True By WJT

Yatina, now a little known northern town, would have been a great city of the north if the dreams of those who planned it had eventuated. Surveyors modelled Yatina on Adelaide nearly 70 years ago, but after reaching a peak in the nineties, Yatina has not become the great centre it was thought it would. On glancing at a map, one notices that even the 'outside' country of South Australia is liberally sprinkled with the names of towns. Many of these names sound rather impressive probably one of the factors which thus leads the motoring tourist when coming suddenly upon a small hotel, a still smaller school, and a couple of weather-beaten houses. The black dot on his map is as large as the one representing Mount Gambier or Port Pirie.

Yatina is a small town consisting of 11 buildings in all. It is situated on the main road between Jamestown and Orroroo, and nearly mid-way between the two places. Some wit has termed it Port Yatina; whether on the occasion of the great floods which, at times, has submerged the plain on the southern and eastern sides, or whether because of the even more, vast expanse of mirage which, during dry weather, occupies the same position, I cannot say.

#### **Like Adelaide**

The town had its origin about 1870, only 30 odd years after the founding of the State, and, it is affirmed to have been at that time, with the exception of Gawler, the largest surveyed town site north of Adelaide. It is of interest that a plan of the town shows whether by coincidence or intention some resemblance to that of Adelaide; though, of course, on a smaller scale. A wide main street, corresponding to King William street, runs North and south, dividing the town into two parts, while a number of narrower streets cross this at right angles, and others run parallel with it, joining the terraces, which are named after the manner of Adelaide's -North terrace, South terrace, etc. Beyond the parklands, the map shows an area of about five square miles divided into 230 small sections of a few acres each, and enclosing the town on three sides. These were the intended suburbs. A reserve, about half a mile to the south-west, still has the old Government well on it which was expected to provide part of the town's water supply. Another larger reserve to the north was surveyed as being a favorable position for a reservoir.

#### Why So Carefully Planned?

It will probably be asked why a town was so carefully planned 160 miles, north of Adelaide and in what was then the 'far north.' The answer appears to be partly in the expectation of the railway. The north-south line, when being extended farther inland from Gawler, had its course mapped out a long way ahead, and part of this was surveyed along the western edge of the Yatina plain. One of the pegs, driven by the surveyors to indicate the proposed route, is still to be seen. among the porcupine tussocks, a little to the northwest of the school. Whatever information may have been originally inscribed upon it has long since been erased by the weather; but the post still stands in spite of a lapse of nearly 70 years. The line was, of course, finally constructed through Terowie and Peterborough. The situation may have been another factor. The gently sloping land between the plain on the east, and the hills on the west, must have impressed the surveyors as being a good position for a town. It is evident at any rate that plenty of optimism existed regarding its future.

#### Peak Of 40 Years Ago

Forty years ago the district was fairly thickly populated. Those who came so far north as Goyder's Line, and even beyond, with the intention of farming were confident that 'rain would follow the plough.' The small holdings have passed into 'bigger hands' until only a few remain of the size they were when selected. The typical settler's home, consisting of two rooms — sometimes built of 'wattle and daub' — with flat roof and no ceilings; has almost disappeared. Many have been pulled down, and the material used in modern buildings. About 40 years ago, the number of pupils attending the school reached its peak of between 90 and 100. The teacher was John Tamblyn, a Cornish man, well known in South Australia. He was transferred to Hamley Bridge after teaching in Yatina for 17 years.

Among those who answered his roll call was Mr Alf Colson who, some time ago, led a scientific party into the Simpson Desert. The number of pupils at present is 16. Yatina claims — apart from Adelaide— the largest area of parklands in the State— 640 acres. Much of this is on the rising land to the west and north, and the masses of native acacia, golden wattle and various small shrubs, which originally covered it, must have justified the term 'park' which the townspeople still use as an abbreviation for parklands. The acre and half acre blocks, in the town proper, appear to have been bought up early. Some still remain the property of the original owners— or of their heirs— although they may be living in far corners of the State. Some of the heirs are possibly unaware of their inheritance.

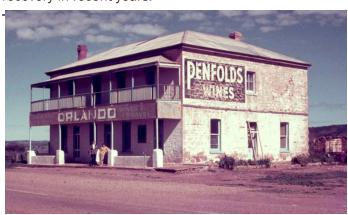




#### **For The Show**

An area to the south-east of the town was reserved for show purposes, and an agricultural show was regularly held there for some years. Another, larger, block out in the floodwater course was intended for police horses to grass on. A number of suburban blocks are also situated directly in the flood-water course but the surveyors probably worked during a dry period and did not anticipate the tangled heaps of posts and wire, and numbers of drowned sheep — to say nothing of the water itself— which would, at times since, have presented a problem to the inhabitants of 'suburbia' had things worked out according to plan.

A word must be said about the two-storey hotel. This is a prominent landmark. When reference is made to Yatina, in other districts, one frequently hears the question; Oh is that the place with the two-storey hotel and although there are two fairly large churches, and a new Memorial Hall, they do not seem to attract notice to the same extent as the pub. Perhaps it is because it is in the main street, and those passing through must go close by its doors. A stone in the wall bears the date 1874 indicating the year in which it was built. The hotel seems to have had its periods of boom and depression. During one of the latter it became the property of Jacka Bros, and was let to a man named Buller at the rental of one shilling a week. But that was a long time ago. The advent of motor cars and following upon it, the arrival of commercial and other travellers, whose business takes them farther north, has been largely responsible for a recovery in recent years.



#### Chronicle, Thursday 28th June 1934 - Page 13

Mr L Kelly of Orroroo has licensed a betting shop in Melrose.

#### The Advertiser, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1934 - Page 21 New Betting Premises

Betting shops registered yesterday included LV Kelly, Fourth street, Orroroo

Formerly a barber's shop, the betting premises of LV Kelly, at Orroroo are on the opposite side of the street to an hotel.

What if? Looking back to post-WWII. One can only imagine what Orroroo-Carrieton might have been if this happened

#### Quorn Mercury, 6<sup>th</sup> March 1952 WILL PETERBOROUGH-QUORN LINE BE STANDARDISED?

Argument Before Royal Commission. Work Not To Be Done, Says Counsel

AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE INQUIRY BEING CONDUCTED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION WHICH IS TO REPORT ON THE ROUTE OF THE STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY FROM TELFORD [LEIGH CREEK] TO STIRLING NORTH IS THAT OF MOVEMENT OF MERCHANDISE FROM SYDNEY TO DARWIN, AND IN CASE OF WAR, OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT.

"The traffic would proceed to Broken Hill, then to Peterborough. Would it then go to Port Pirie and on to Port Augusta, or to Peterborough and on to Quorn? That would depend in part on whether the line from Peterborough was of the standard 4 ft. 8½ in. gauge. The case presented to the Commission by the State is that there is an agreement in existence which provides for the line to be of standard gauge." Mr F Villenue Smith, leading counsel for the Commonwealth Railways Commissioner, argued that such an agreement was never ratified. He questioned Mr RH Chapman, State Railways Commissioner, on the subject. The following are extracts from his cross-examination.

Witness: I remember speaking about the Commonwealth being committed to standardize the line between Peterborough and Quorn. I think the Commonwealth is committed.

Mr Smith: Of course, if the Commonwealth is not committed all that you have said on the assumption that it is invalidated? Well, it would raise a lot of questions which have not been raised up to date. Would it? Where do you get the obligation by the Commonwealth to standardize that line? Under the Act of Parliament between the State and the Commonwealth. That is the Act 83 of 1949 is it, the Railway Standardization South Australia Agreement? I think that is the date of it. Now would you be surprised to know that there is no such obligation on the part of the Commonwealth?

I would be very surprised because I have consulted our legal advisers.

Mr Hannan: It is in the 1946 Act.

Mr Smith: I suppose you know that the agreement which was covered by that Act was never implemented? Do you know that? Oh yes, it has been implemented "

Well it is now obvious that the Act was never implemented, the 'Quorn Line' was never standardised and officially closed in the 1980s and reclaimed or ripped up in 2008.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Oct

27<sup>th</sup>

# Preaching Plan for Goyder Ministry Area Orroroo 10.00am

07/4/2024 NO SERVICE

14/4/2024 Rev Mark Dickens HC

21/4/2024 Rev Ted White

28/4/2024 3pm Rev Owen Roberts

#### **Preachers and Contact details**

Judy Laskey 0428 599 959

#### **Catholic Church Mass times**

First Sunday of month 9.30am Orroroo (Liturgy) Second Sunday of month 10.00am Orroroo Third Sunday of month 10.00am Pekina Fourth & Fifth Sunday of month 10am Orroroo Carrieton 6pm Saturdays.

#### Preaching Plan for Orroroo Community Church

No Dates at time of print

#### Cut off dates for the Gazette 2024

Cut Off date Publishing Date

#### No Gazette In January

 1st April
 5th April

 29th April
 3rd May

 3rd June
 7th June

 1st July
 5th July

#### **Justice of the Peace**

Peter Amey 0438 252 430 or 8658 1020 Trevor Laskey 0427 599 051 Joy Ford 0427 533 628 Sharon McCarthy 8658 1390 Len Turner (Carrieton) 0429 502 090

### **WASTE CALENDAR**

For collection Enquiries please contact
Clare Valley Waste on
0438 884 340

Between 8am-4pm

April-24						
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#### Calendar of Events

20<sup>th</sup> April Bingo Night Black Rock Dirt Circuit April 21st April 25<sup>th</sup> Anzac Dav May 19<sup>th</sup> Black Rock Dirt Circuit 16<sup>th</sup> Black Rock Dirt Circuit June 21st Black Rock Dirt Circuit July 28<sup>th</sup> Orroroo Markets July 18<sup>th</sup> Black Rock Dirt Circuit Aug 15th Sept Black Rock Dirt Circuit Sept 28<sup>th</sup> **Outback Burnouts** 

If you have anything you would like to put onto the Calendar of Events, please let Council know by emailing: <a href="mailto:council@orroroo.sa.gov.au">council@orroroo.sa.gov.au</a>

Orroroo Markets



**BYERLEE**, Garry 22/7/1948 - 4/2/2024

Elaine, Andrew, Matthew, Luke & families would like to thank everyone for their kind cards, phone calls, text messages, food & the Orroroo Auxilary for catering in the sudden & unexpected loss of our dear Garry. Devoted husband, loving father & good friend to many.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

# GARAGE SALE

From 9am • May 5 2024 • 33 Government Road , Orroroo Assorted house hold & shed goods 1955 100 E last driven 15 years ago! Enquiries to 0427 581 345

