

## October 2020

FREE

Newsletter No. 298

### Orroroo Football Club - Senior Colts

### Premiers 2020

Orroroo 9.10-64 defeating Broughton Mundoorra 6.6-42



Photo courtesy of the Orroroo Football Club



### Snow at Orroroo?

Yes, that's right! The Council district received snow on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020 with reports from Eurelia to Black Rock and Tarcowie. Below is just some of the photos that were posted to Council's Facebook page.



From Jodie Bowman  
The walk to the school bus just a little cold!



From Jodie Bowman  
Snowman!



From Christy Luckraft  
Hayley & Chloe Luckraft's first time seeing snow

## From the Council desk

**Ordinary meeting:** Council held its ordinary meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 in the Orroroo Council Chambers. Minutes are now available via [www.orraroo.sa.gov.au](http://www.orraroo.sa.gov.au). The next ordinary meeting is scheduled for 9am Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Council papers will be available to the public as normal via Council’s website.

**Correspondence to Council:** Need to write a letter to Council? Please ensure that written correspondence intended for Council is received a minimum of one week prior to the Council meeting to ensure it is included in the Council papers. Correspondence received after this point may need to be held over until the following month.



**Stay Safe on our roads:** Council wishes to remind our community to take extra care on dirt roads these school holidays. The surface condition of sheeted roads can change quickly in the advent of rain becoming slippery or in excessive dry are prone to loose surfaces where sharp rocks can appear. Please slow down, exercise due caution and always drive to the conditions!



**Call for Volunteers:** Council continues to seek volunteers from the community to get involved with the celebration of heritage at “Solly’s Hut” in Orroroo. If you are interested in participating please contact the Council office and register.

**Heavy Vehicle Bypass update:** The Heavy Vehicle Bypass project has begun. Council has engaged contractors Mace Engineering and Sawley Lock Surveyors for the final design and survey of the bypass route. The engineers and surveyors have been in Orroroo this week undertaking some on-ground assessments and will continue do so over the coming month.

**Community consultation thank you:** Council wishes to thank all those who attend the Disability Action and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) workshop at the Orroroo Memorial Hall on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The DAIP when developed will form an important part of Council’s approach to appropriate standards, infrastructure and services into the future. A draft will soon be released for further input from the community. More information is available at [www.orraroo.sa.gov.au](http://www.orraroo.sa.gov.au).

**Community Land Management Plan:** Council adopted its Community Land Management Plan at its September meeting. The plan is now available on Council’s website.



■ Waste Collection    
 ■ Recycling Collection    
 ■ SA School Holidays    
 ■ Public Holidays



**Household Waste Collection**  
Bins out by 6.30am

October '20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

If your bin has missed collection or is damaged  
Contact Veolia on 08 8640 3100  
between 8.30am—4pm

## Message from the Mayor



Back in March I remember writing in my diary that I had so many balls in the air that I was struggling to get everything that I had on the go done. However, by prioritising and sticking to the tasks, everything eventually fell into place and I felt confident that I was on top of things again. Such it is at Council at the moment. We seem to have so many things on the go and it needs strong leadership to make sure we prioritise and stay on task to get everything accomplished. We didn't think at the beginning of the year that we would be so busy and that after our first round of drought stimulus spending was completed we could concentrate on core council business. Alas, another million dollars in round 2 came along and rain at the end of January and early February caused significant damage to our road network, that here we are at the beginning of October striving to complete both these projects as well as our normal programs.

Whenever there is a need to prioritise tasks, some people will be disadvantaged. We have not been able to complete a lot of the patrol grading we would have liked to get done. Staff shortages and a dry June and July have put us a little behind in that area but our priority is to do the flood damage work as quickly as possible to give reasonable road surfaces to those who have been disadvantaged for the better part of eight months.

Councillors don't discriminate when it comes to where jobs are undertaken. Work is done where there is the greatest need. Therefore it is most disappointing when individual councillors are accused of putting their own interests before others. No-one at the Council has considered that Weighbridge Road is in an acceptable state and it is disappointing that it

deteriorated so quickly just before we are about to completely renew it. However as I have already stated, our road network across the entire Council area is not as we would like it. During the previous 3 years we had so few rain events that our roads were pretty good, but this year in my area, significant rain of late has caused washouts, pot holes and gutters that we all have to contend with. We will get to all of it in time. Councillors roads are no better or worse than anyone else's. It's simply where the priorities lie.

Last Saturday I was privileged to watch the Senior Colts win the football premiership for the second year in a row. A bit scratchy at the start they were held in the game by a strong defence and after the move of the match of Ollie Dignan to the middle, Orroroo were away. Only some wayward kicking for goal by Orroroo kept Broughton Mundoora in the match and it was wonderful to see such a great team effort from the boys. Congratulations to all concerned for a wonderful outcome in a year when it seemed as though there would be no footy at all. A commendable effort by the A Grade to play in the Grand Final too. It augurs well for the future of our stand alone club.

This morning Rob & I were checking out one of our wheat crops. Boy oh boy, its wet. With rain last night and snow last Friday (pictured below), its been September weather we haven't had very often of late. It puts a smile on many faces. We hope it may continue!

*Kathie*



Kathie's garden looking a little white!



Photo by Christy Luckraft looking at the Black Rock/Dawson Hills

# Australia Day Citizen of the year Awards

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



## Who makes a difference in your community?

Nominations are now open:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Awards are presented at the Australia Day breakfast held at the Lions Park, Orroroo

Visit the website [www.orraroo.sa.gov.au](http://www.orraroo.sa.gov.au) or contact the Council office for a nomination form.



**Australia Day**  
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

**South  
Australia**

**Nominations close 5pm  
Friday 20 November 2020**



**Local Government Association  
of South Australia**

**SARAH** Building Great Relationships.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONTRACTING ORROROO SWIMMING POOL OPERATIONS (2020/2021 Swimming Season)

Expressions of interest are invited for the contracting of the following services at the Orroroo Swimming Pool for the 2020-2021 swimming season:

- Canteen Operator
- Plant Room Operations and Grounds Maintenance

Expressions of Interest from local community groups and sporting associations are particularly encouraged and can be submitted for all or just one of the services detailed below.

### ***Canteen Operator***

The Canteen Operator contractor will be required to and responsible for:

- Opening the canteen during the declared public swimming sessions, special events as required by Council, and swimming carnivals
- Collecting and accounting for pool entrance fees and attendance records
- Ordering of and payment of stock sold in the canteen, with all proceeds to be retained by the contractor
- Cleaning of the canteen facility and maintenance of equipment
- Compliance with all health regulations in the serving of food and drinks
- Act as Covid-19 Marshal in relation to COVID Directions

### ***Plant Room and Grounds Maintenance Operator***

The Plant Room and Grounds Maintenance Operator will be responsible for:

- The operation of the plant pump room and water testing on a daily basis to ensure water quality meets health standards and legislation
- The mowing and watering of the grass areas and general maintenance of the grounds during the season
- Cleaning of the swimming pool grounds and changerooms

All pool and cleaning chemicals will be provided by Council during the season.

It is a condition of the contract that the contractor holds a current National Police Clearance, a minimum of \$10 million public liability insurance cover, with contract payment, terms and conditions to be negotiated.

The pool will open to the public on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 with an expected closure date of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (subject to seasonal conditions).

Copies of the Expression of Interest form and contract documents are available from the Council Office, 17 Second Street Orroroo, or can be downloaded from Council's website [www.orraroo.sa.gov.au](http://www.orraroo.sa.gov.au).

Expression of Interest Forms addressed to: The Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Orroroo Carrieton, 17 Second Street (PO Box 3) ORROROO SA 5431, and to be received by **5.00pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

## Mr & Mrs Orroroo



## Pool Staff – Orroroo & Carrieton

Expressions of interest are invited from people for the following positions for the 2020-2021 swimming season:

- Orroroo Pool Lifeguard
- Carrieton Pool Operator

The 2020-2021 swimming season will commence in November 2020 with an expected closure date of mid-March 2021. Working hours vary in accordance with climatic conditions and casual loading and public holiday penalties apply to these positions.

The minimum requirement for these positions is a current Provide First Aid Certificate and a current Police clearance and Working with Children Check.

Where applicable, a recognised Pool Lifeguard Certificate or Certified Pool Operator Certificate will be highly regarded. The successful applicants will be required to undertake a medical examination. Training can be provided to successful candidates.

A copy of the job and person specifications is available from the Council Office, or can be downloaded from Council's website [www.orraroo.sa.gov.au](http://www.orraroo.sa.gov.au).

Enquiries can be made to Ms Ann Frick, Manager of Corporate & Community Services on 8658 1260.

Expression of interest should be lodged to the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton, PO Box 3, ORROROO SA 5431 or emailed to [council@orraroo.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@orraroo.sa.gov.au) to be received by **4.00pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

Expression of interest must include:

- Resume
- At least two (2) referees
- Copy of current Pool Lifeguard / Bronze Medallion / Certified Pool Operator / First Aid etc Certificates
- Copy of current Police clearance (or evidence of application)
- Copy of Working with Children Check (or evidence of application)

Looking to increase your physical activity?

Looking for a new challenge?

Why not get involved in SA's Billion Steps

Challenge starting 1 October?! 

✔ Sign up at <https://openyourworld.sa.gov.au/billionsteps>

✔ Log your steps and minutes of physical activity

✔ Spread the word to family, friends and workmates

✔ Reap the benefits of increased physical activity on your health and wellbeing

Help South Australia reach **1** billion steps!

10,000 Steps

#SABillionSteps

#OpenYourWorld



**BILLION STEPS CHALLENGE**

SA's goal = 1,000,000,000 steps

Government of South Australia | Wellbeing SA

10,000 STEPS

## On farm emergency water rebate

All existing applicants to OFEWIRS will receive an individual email today (24/9) advising of the status of their application (30% rebate notification)

A new round is now open providing the opportunity for those previously intending to apply that were advised funding had been exhausted in June to apply for support.

Criteria of the new round includes: only available to commitments (commitment = activities commenced or completed, financial or legal commitment made) between 1/7/19 and 30/6/20

New round rebate funded by SA Govt = 30%

Details on the new round are now live and available via the PIRSA website [https://pir.sa.gov.au/grants\\_and\\_assistance/drought\\_support/financial\\_assistance/on-farm\\_emergency\\_water\\_infrastructure\\_rebate\\_scheme/\\_nocache](https://pir.sa.gov.au/grants_and_assistance/drought_support/financial_assistance/on-farm_emergency_water_infrastructure_rebate_scheme/_nocache)

New round closes when \$1.45M funding is exhausted (don't miss out this time!)



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## Need help accessing the Aged Care Systems?

Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS) is coming to your town!

Join our team of aged care specialists at a FREE information session where they will:

- Assess your current situation
- Discuss your eligibility, care options and applicable costs
- Assist you to complete form(s)
- Register you with My Aged Care
- Connect you to aged care services of your choice

### Where to find us:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at Orroroo Town Hall, 17 Second Street at 10:00am to 11:00am

For more information, please contact our team  
Scott Buick 0436 327 199 or Romana Ivkovic 0417 481 636  
email [navigator@agedrights.asn.au](mailto:navigator@agedrights.asn.au).



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YOUR ♥ IS  
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## CARRIETON NEWS

Rainfall recorded up to 29<sup>th</sup> Sept: Carrieton 59mm (year's total 212mm), Eureka 75mm (291), Johnburgh 60mm, Mookra 43mm, Glenroy 52.4mm, Almeria 49mm, Bendleby 54mm.

Accolades to Deb Hombsch for keeping her cool and alerting police when Bonnie and Clyde, on the run from police, visited town after leaving undesirable traces at Sandal Park and refilling with fuel from Jim Reid's grader supply on the Belton Road. Deb coolly served Bonnie while Clyde was nifty in stealing the number plate from John Hombsch's ute. The couple headed north with police on their trail, leaving damage at Cradock. Finally they were cornered by police in the Northern Flinders.

Yunta Quilting ladies on their 13<sup>th</sup> yearly visit held a successful quilting workshop creating circles.

Thankyou to Gary at the park for catering for a crowd on the same weekend as quilters with stranded tourists who were unable to cross the flooded creeks.

The AGM of Carrieton Swimming pool committee decided on an upgrade the shade area at the pool for the next season. The likely opening date for the pool is November the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Get Well Wishes to Vincent Williams who recently had surgery.

Carrieton Rodeo for 2020 has been cancelled. The committee agreed that time is running out to organize such an event when Covid restrictions are so restrictive and unpredictable. The committee is looking forward to the next event in 2021.



A community tea was held 25<sup>th</sup> Sept to farewell Lorna Schmidt (pictured above). Kate and Daniel Williams acknowledged her undaunting, generous contribution to the community and wished her well in her retirement at Port Broughton. A large timber box for wood with an engraved plaque was presented to her from Carrieton Progress.

The coming weekend Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> is the "Gathering" at Carrieton Caravan Park for musicians with many different instruments getting together to share their talents.

- Friday night is a community tea in clubrooms, Steak and Salads Adults \$15 Sweets \$5 Children \$5. Music provided by members from the "Gathering" Every one welcome BYO
- Saturday is beef roast at Caravan Park (weather permitting ) Adults \$15, Sweets \$5 Children \$5. Entertainment by visiting musicians.
- Sunday night is sausage & onion in bread \$5.

Catholic Church mass times. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4.00pm and during daylight saving will be 6.00pm.

School Holidays May everyone enjoy their time and delight in the recent rains and enjoy the greener countryside of the Flinders Ranges.

## Yunta Quilters and Circles



12 ladies enjoyed our annual weekend of quilting fun, enhanced by the fine food and fellowship provided by the Carrieton ladies. We had a productive weekend of sewing with several quilt tops completed.



It was great to experience the rain whilst there and those of us from pastoral properties were hoping that we would have to stay longer at Carrieton due to flooded roads at home. But alas, we all got to our homes as scheduled!

Outback Quilters





# ORROROO EQUINE CLUB



Sept./October 2020

Volume 3 Issue 7

## *Orroroo Equine Club Committee for 2020*

**President/Vice President:** Kathy Pitkin, **Treasurer:** Alison Sellwood,

**Secretary:** Emily Byerlee, **Public Officer:** Malcolm Byerlee,

**Publicity Officer:** Emily Byerlee

**Committee Members:** Faye Case, Vanessa Woods, Neil Byerlee.

**Youth Committee:** Annie-Mae Pitkin, Ella Vercoe

Unfortunately we had to cancel/postpone the planned OEC September Trail Ride & the October Orienteering Day due to a number of Committee being either away &/or Sporting commitments. Hope to have another before too long though. So sorry for any inconvenience.

We can now look forward to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November—Competition Day, 10 am Start.

Then on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November there will be another Clinic Weekend held at Bill & Barb Willoughby's property, Willoughby Way, Pekina. There are still a few riding spots available but be quick to Book! Only 10 Riding Positions in all! Fence Sitters are Welcome! Please Contact Emily Byerlee phone 0427 590 030 or via the Orroroo Equine Club Facebook Page for details & bookings.

## **Orroroo Equine Club Dates – 2020**

<b>October Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Orienteering Day –Postponed Date TBA
<b>November Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Competition Day 10 am Start-
<b>November Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Bill Willoughby Clinic—Pekina—8 am Start
<b>November Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Bill Willoughby Clinic—Pekina—8 am Start
<b>December Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	AGM & Presentations 2020

***Due to the Corona Virus (Covid 19) limitations and Social distancing please remember to keep your distance and stay safe for all our sakes at all times!***

***Please do remember that there is NO Entry Fee required to come and watch at any time on our Rally/Competition Days so all/anyone is quite welcome to come along and watch, even if they don't have horses or children riding.***

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



# IN HOME CARE

## Support Agency

**Refer a Family to In Home Care Today!**

### Do you know about In Home Childcare?

In Home Care is a government approved childcare service that provides education and care for families in their own home, who cannot access mainstream childcare.

Families will need to be eligible for the Childcare Subsidy and can demonstrate that the other types of approved childcare are not suitable or available **and** where one or more of the following apply:

- parents or carers are working **non-standard or variable hours**, outside normal childcare service hours
- parents or carers are **geographically isolated** from other types of approved childcare, particularly in rural or remote locations
- the family has challenging or **complex needs**, including where families are experiencing challenging situations.

If you know a family whose circumstances mean existing mainstream childcare cannot meet their needs and may be eligible for the In Home Care program, make a referral today!

If you would like to find out more about In Home Care, please go to our website [www.ihcsupportagency.org.au](http://www.ihcsupportagency.org.au) or give us a call at 1800 44 22.73.

### Contact

**1800 IHCCARE** (1800 442273)

[info@ihcsupportagency.org.au](mailto:info@ihcsupportagency.org.au)

[www.ihcsupportagency.org.au](http://www.ihcsupportagency.org.au)

**In Home Child Care**

Could this be a solution for the families you work with?

Do you work with families who are unable to access child care due to their circumstances? In Home Care may be the solution.

**In Home Care**

Could this be the child care solution for your family?

Do you live in an area that is too far from education and care (child care) services? Do you work hours that are outside normal child care hours? Do you have a child with an illness or disability or are you unable to care for your children because of illness or disability? In Home Care may be the solution.



# Orroroo Area School News



Congratulations to the following students, who were in Adelaide this week, competing in the Sapsasa Football and Netball carnival:-

- Millie Rowe
- Eli Ackland
- Brock Thomas
- Lucy Reddaway
- Ajay White
- Ashby Thomas
- Riley Ridsdale



## Aussie of the Month

### HARRISON GAMEAU

Harrison works hard and puts in 100% effort. He works well with others and is not easily distracted. He is a good leader and friendly towards others. He can be funny, kind and helpful to others being respectful of his peers.



## Year 10 Fast 5 Netball

On Friday 18th September the Year 10 students travelled by bus to Gladstone to take part in a Fast 5 Interschools Netball Competition. The team practiced for numerous weeks before their skills were put to the test against other schools across the area. Coached by Miss Hounsell, the Year 10 students defied all odds to finish as 2-point victors on a windy day at Gladstone. The grand final between Orroroo and Booleroo remained an arm wrestle for most of the match, until a late long range 2-pointer in the final minute sealed the deal for the underdogs.

This amazing feat would not have been possible if not for the contributions from Mrs Blackwell and Miss Hounsell who helped with travel and coaching the team.

Jack Clark





**LIBRARY HOURS**  
 Monday: 8.45am-4pm  
 Tuesday: 8.45am-5pm  
 Wednesday: 8.45am-5pm  
 Thursday: 8.45am-6pm  
 Friday: 8.45am-5pm  
 Weekend & Public Holidays Closed

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIBRARY HOURS**  
 28/9/20—11/10/20  
 Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday: 10.30am-5pm  
 Wednesday: 1pm-5pm  
 Thursday: 1pm-6pm  
 Friday: 10.30am-5pm  
 Weekend & Public Holidays Closed

**ADULT NEW RELEASES**

Adult fiction

- Untethered—H Katzen
- A Shooting at Chateau Rocks—M Walker
- Bottlebrush Creek—M Linnell
- The Prisoner's Wife—M Brookes
- The Rain Heron—R Arnot

Adult non-fiction

- Radio Girl
- Endometriosis & Pelvic pain

Audio Books

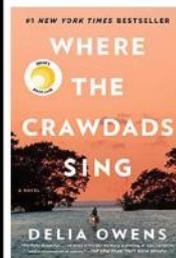
- The French Wife—D Costeloe
- Man of Two Tribes—A Upfield
- Cross my Heart—J Patterson

DVDs

- Outlander
- We Have always lived in the Castle

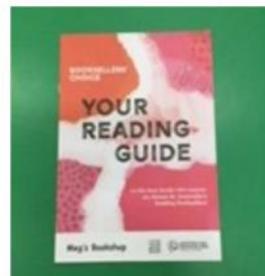
**BOOK REVIEW**

Where the Crowdads Sing by Delia Owens



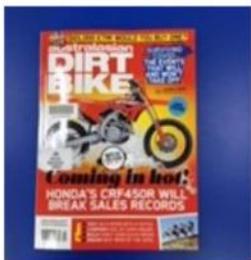
For Years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove. So in late 1969, when Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh, she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

*Where the Crowdads Sing* is an tribute to the natural world. A story that touches all emotions. Heartbreaking, surprising, funny and thought-provoking. A heartwarming tale.



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<b>Black Copying</b>	
A4 or A3	30cents
Double-sided	40cents
Card	40cents
50 copies - \$10	100 copies - \$12
<b>Colour copying</b>	
A4 or A3	80cents
Double-sided	\$1
Card	\$2cents
50 copies - \$30	100 copies - \$50
Half price for own paper	
Faxing 50cents	
Laminating \$1 A4 sheet	
Coil binding \$1	

**MAGAZINES**



**CHILDREN'S NEW RELEASES**

Children's Picture Fiction

- Mummy Days
  - There's an Alien in your Book
  - Do not take your Dragon on a school trip
  - Old Mother Hubbard
  - Bluey : My Dad is Amazing
  - Bananas Cats and Dogs
- Children's Fiction
- The Boy in the Dress
  - The School Gate
  - Ella and Olivia—Fun Friendship Tales

# ORROROO COMMUNITY GYM OCTOBER 2020

## Gym: General Covid Orroroo Community Rules:

- ⇒ Sanitise your hands on arrival, and before and after using each piece of equipment
- ⇒ Sanitise your equipment before and after you have used it with the spray on sanitiser.
- ⇒ Maintain social distancing as required. Exercise equipment is 2 metres apart, so do not move it without OCG Committee permission.
- ⇒ Sign in every time you attend the gym, for ease of contact if required.
- ⇒ If you are unwell, have flu like symptoms or a cold, do not attend the gym - stay at home
- ⇒ A maximum of seven (7) people may use the gym equipment rooms at the same time
- ⇒ Bring your own towels to use on seats and benches.
- ⇒ Feel free to bring you own personal equipment e.g. mats to use and take home again.

IF COVID RESTRICTIONS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA VARY, THE GYM MAY NEED TO CHANGE IT'S ACCESS REQUIREMENTS.

ANY NEW INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN ON FACEBOOK AND ON COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS.



A REMINDER THAT ONLY PAID UP GYM MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO USE THE GYM WHILST WE ARE UNDER COVID RESTRICTIONS.

PLEASE SIGN IN AT EVERY VISIT FOR EASE OF CONTACT TRACING IF REQUIRED.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Office Bearers elected at AGM:

Held Thursday 17th September

Chairperson: Di Barrie

Secretary: Col Parkyn

Treasurer: Mel Martin

Membership: Andrea Martin

***A Tentative Date for the 2021 Orroroo Half Marathon has been set!  
Sunday 28th March 2021***

*The planning and format of the day will be dependent on ongoing Covid restrictions and requirements we need to make at the time.*

*Further information will be issued through Facebook and through this page.*



*Thankyou for supporting us to keep the Gym open at this time!*

# ORROROO REGIONAL TOURISM GROUP

PRESENTS

## ON THE OTHERSIDE SHOWCASE MARKET

Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm

Many new stalls including

ULSTER PARK



WINES



Sales and Tastings

**Mothers Love**  
(Macrame, Kokedama & Silicone  
bead products)



**Vegetable / Flower seedlings,  
indoor & outdoor plants**

**BBQ & Non  
Alcoholic Beer  
Tasting**

Garden Art + much more  
Pre-Loved Clothes

From The Home  
Kitchen

Come for a drive to Orroroo check out the scene you won't be disappointed, friendly country hospitality, great coffee, great food  
We would love to see you there.

New Stallholders very welcome, \$10 per 2 tables max \$20

Contact:- Margaret 0418 800 581, Kathy 0438 829 423,  
Joy 0427533628, Lynette 0427 581 310 or through messenger on our  
Facebook page

**Mr & Mrs  
Orroroo**



## CHURCH NOTICES OCTOBER 2020

IN CHANGING TIMES, STAND CONFIDENTLY ON THE UNCHANGING CHARACTER OF GOD

### Preaching plan for Orroroo Community Church

October 4<sup>th</sup> John Cozens

October 11<sup>th</sup> Getting to Know  
you

October 18<sup>th</sup> John Cozens

October 25<sup>th</sup> Morgan Nutt



ORROROO UNITING CHURCH -10.00am

Orroroo Catholic Church—7pm Saturdays

Carrieton Catholic Church Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at  
4.00pm and during daylight saving will be 6.00pm.

# Orroroo Community Church

I am sure all of us have a favourite season of the year. For me, it has to be Spring time as we witness all the new growth as trees begin to blossom into flower having come through the dormant Winter season. To drive around and see the contrast between the green cereal crops and the brilliant yellow canola crops is a joy to behold. In the garden to watch the fruit trees come to life with beautiful blossom followed by new green growth, invigorates the soul and reminds me that life is great and a gift that we should never take for granted. As we look around the beauty of God's creation we can also come across some lessons of life. Back in March I planted a Plum Gorgeous shrub and over the following weeks as I watered it I watched it slowly wither and die. While I tried to decide if I should cut it right back or simply pull it out and plant something else I kept on watering it and a couple of weeks ago much to my surprise I noticed the tiniest of buds on what appeared to be dead branches. Within a couple of weeks the shrub has totally recovered with new growth and flowers. It was a good reminder to me that I should never give up, just as God never gives up on us. It is often stated that God is the God of second chances, even though we may stumble and fail many times God still reaches out and is wanting to restore us in our relationship with him. Enjoy the beauty of this season and be kind and encouraging to one another.

God bless, John Cozens



**Above:** Looking back at a glass plate photographic image of a circus train at the Orroroo railway station c1890s.

## Looking Back .....

### 100 years ago Orroroo was holding its ANNUAL SHOW.

Source: *Chronicle, Adelaide, SA, Saturday 9 October 1920.*

Splendid weather favoured the 37<sup>th</sup> annual show of the Orroroo Agricultural Society on Saturday last. From an early hour it was evident that the day was going to be a success, and by noon the crowd were out in full strength, and the booths and sideshows were reaping a harvest. The 'gate' amounted to nearly double the previous year. The following table of takings is of interest: - 1913 £58 7/11; 1914, no show held; 1915 £58 5/; 1916 £52 2/; 1917 £23 15/6; 1918 £47 10/; 1919 £39 18/; 1920 £63 8/. The judges were as follows: - Draught stock, Mr A McDonald; light stock and horses in action, Mr F Dennis; sheep, Mr WE Hall; cattle, Mr H McColl; pigs, Mr E Cocks; dogs, Mr Spen Jones; agriculture, Mr D Cram; produce, Mr D Hammond; poultry, Mr AN George; vegetables, Mr Nicholas; flowers, Mr J Nettle; cookery, Mr WC Gardner; fancywork, Miss Toop; painting, Mrs Bowering; schoolwork, WC Addison. In pre-war days Orroroo boasted an excellent band and the attempt to revive it has met with decided success. Mr J Clark has taken control, assisted by Mr J Medlin, who fills the post of secretary. The band, numbering about 20, enlivened the proceedings in good style, the music being of a good class.

**Draught Stock.** The heavy section failed to provide a big field. H Chapman's Punch took the champion ribbon for draught entire; the ribbon being presented by Mr RC Ford. J Lang, as usual, was well to the fore, his Annie Balance and Queen capturing first and second in the draught brood mare section, and first and second in the draught mare, with Lady Special and Lady Burton. The turnout (four horses and wagon) fell to Mr H Chapman's team, who looked in the pink of condition. The pair of plough horses provided keen competition, RK Bowman scoring from J Lang's pair.

**Horses in Action.** The horses in action came in for favourable comment from the judge, and an exhibitor from Western Australia paid the society a tribute on its ring-class of horses and general improvement. Clarke Bros.' Bob bagged the red ribbon for blood entire, T Arthur's Bonnie Jean being placed first in the blood mares, his Myrtle filling second place. Buggy

pairs provided a good field, and the judge placed the honours with Mr F Tapscott's Comet and Nipper, Symes and Harriett's pair filling second place. Twigden Bros.' pair buggy ponies, 13.2, scored a well-deserved win, the Booleroo Centre pair of Messrs Mills and Arthur filling second place. The class 13.2 ponies, in single harness, was well patronised. Mr JM Harvie's Earl took the honour out of a field of 12. The family waggonette horse again fell to Mr RC Ford, Twigden Bros.' horse running a good second. Twigden Bros, also scored in the buggy horse in single harness, JP Smith (Tarcowie) running him closely. Spring-dray horse honours were all with Mr RC Ford, his Sailor and Jack Reid filling first and second positions.

The pony jumpers caused a good deal of interest and the field could be termed a credit to any ring. Mills and Arthur's Pompey, fresh from the Adelaide show ring, secured the judge's verdict, McDonald Bros.' King George taking the second ribbon. JM Harvie's Duchess satisfied the judge in the 14.2 ponies in harness, and he followed up his success by scoring in the 14-hand pony class, driven by a lady. The judge's comments on the quality of horseflesh exhibited was cheerful, and there was no doubt that at times he had a most difficult task. Eleven mounts faced the sticks in the Maiden Hunters. The jumping was fair, the going being slippery on the far side of the ground. Clarke Bros.' Shadow got the verdict from McDonald Bros.' Yandowie. The Maiden Ladies Hacks were responsible for one of the finest classes of the day, and the judge was some time over his task. Finally, he gave the red ribbon to Mr J Crocker's Chester, HJ Cottrell & Sons' Rita taking the yellow. The creamy seemed to be very favourably received, and when filled out a bit should be a nut among the hacks. The weight-carrying hacks went to Clarke Bros, stables, who scored with Liberty, the Melrose horse, Opal, carrying out the yellow ribbon for Jacka and Howe. A field of 14 filed in for the Ladies' Hacks, Jack and Rowe's Chisel earning a well-deserved first from J Crocker's Chester. The same owners scored in the pair of hacks from Mr FC Dreyer's Chester and Snowflake.

Eight jumpers faced the hunters' section. There is a cheerful fact to face for next year in this section, as Mr RC Ford has donated a Hunters' Challenge Cup,

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which must be won three times by the same exhibitor. The cup should draw a bigger field and improve the quality. The jumping in this instance was good. Opal came to grief with his rider, but the pair escaped injury. Clarke Bros. stable were again victorious, both ribbons going to them on Bob and Liberty. Twenty-two horses was a big field in the all-comers' hacks, but the judge had no difficulty in placing Jacka and Rowe's Chisel, Clarke Bros.' Liberty securing second honours. FC Dreyer's pony Dismal Dick took the award for the boy's pony, 14 hands, Mills and Arthur taking the ribbon for the pony under 13 hands. The section fours item was a new departure and proved a good sporting addition to the list. Clarke Bros, walked away with the honours again, the evenness and discipline of their team being splendid. The child's pony class was another new departure, Mr WC Fogden presenting the prizes for the event. JM Harvie's Dot was placed first and Mr HC Harslett's Snorter second. The champion light horse ribbon, presented by Mr CE Cox, drew a big field Messrs Jacka and Rowe's Chisel eventually carrying away the ribbon to Melrose. At the conclusion of the ring events the judge expressed his pleasure at the vast improvement in the show generally and gave the opinion that on the new grounds the society should have a big future. The horse entries in 1919 were approximately 118, and in 1920 about 240.

**Cattle.** This section found better competition also, the Durham class being a fine lot. Mr McColl was well satisfied with the yarding. Mr J Chystall's Durham bull took the red ribbon for his owner, Mr JT Nutt's two-year-old bull scoring in its class, and the same owner carried off the honours in Durham cows by scoring both ribbons, and he ran Groves Brothers hard in the heifer section. Mr Welch's Hereford bull met no competition This beast won his first ribbon in the Adelaide Show, and one believes he stops in the district. Mr JT Nutt continued his successes by scoring, in the two-year-old Hereford bull. The Jersey bull ribbon went to Mrs Adamson, who also receives the ribbon for the best Jersey cow, McDonald Bros,' cow taking the second ribbon out of an entry of 10. Mrs Adamson's Jersey heifers brought her first and second ribbons. Last year only about five dairy cows were entered, but the silver cup presented by Mr FG Ellis made a wonderful difference in this section, and no fewer than 21 cows, of a splendid class and type,

were entered. Mr Arthur Brice secured a leg in for the cup (which is to he won three times), Mr D Brennan's cow being second. The judge was pleased with the class gene rally, but recommended that the cows should be tested in future on the grounds. With an up-to-date butter factory in Orroroo this should not be a difficult matter. Groves Bros' fat cow brought them a red ribbon, while AT Pink again walked away with both honours in the fat bullock's class.

**Sheep.** Sheep entries were far heavier than last year. The class was good and the competition keen. Mr E Hall, of Eurelia, awarded the honours and his decisions gave entire satisfaction. The new yards were not quite ready for the day, but a big improvement will be made by next year. The champion Merino ram was penned by Mr DA Brooks, of Arwakurra, while the champion ewe ribbon went to the JT Nutt farm. Mr WC Dowling presented the ewe ribbon, and Messrs. Cox & Brown the other one. The 2-tooth Merino ram classes found good entries. Spen Jones, of Mannanarie, getting the verdict for a fine type of the breed, JT Nutt carrying second honours. In the 2-tooth Merino ewe section the judge had a hard task in selecting from a dozen splendid types, but Mr DA Brooks carried away both cards. Shepherd Bros, of Carrieton, scored one and two for the Merino wet ewe, DA Brooks getting another award in the Merino ram (any age) from Spen Jones. The Merino ewe proved a double ribbon for the Brooks breed, Shepherd Bros. scoring their second success with two fine exhibits of three fat wethers, the judge placing them first and second, in a well-contested class. Mr AL Brice showed two pens of fat ewes, which scooped the pool, the same breeder scoring first and second for two exhibits of fat lambs and two fleeces of Merino wool brought RT Parnell first and second. The judge was pleased with the quality right through the section.

**General Sections.** The main pavilion was a greatly improved structure this year, and the interior was well filled with exhibits, ail classes having a good tally of entries. The judge of the dairy produce class, Mr D Hammond, of Quorn, who has judged at many centres throughout the Commonwealth, stated that he had seen more numerous exhibits, but the quality of produce was quite up to any he had ever inspected at a country show. Mr JH McDougall has donated a silver cup for competition next year for the best collection of

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dairy produce. This should be the means of encouraging the housewife to greater efforts. Mr J Nettle, who judged the flower section, was pleased at the show of flowers. The champion carnation was won by Mr BJ Beckwith. Mrs EL McDougall carried off the championship in light and dark roses. The cookery section was quite up to standard, and the exhibition made up a most appetising and tempting array. Fancy work was, as usual, very good, while paintings were as numerous as previous years. Poultry seemed a little stronger, and the judge was favourably impressed by the quality of the Rhode Island Reds and Plymouth Rocks. The White Leghorn class was weak. The judge also entered a strong recommendation to the committee to build a permanent fixture for exhibits, that would give a judge every facility and the public a better opportunity to see the display. School work was weaker in exhibits than last year. Altogether the society may be pleased at the result of their efforts. The president, Mr. Amos Copley, has been an indefatigable worker in organising and erecting the show fixtures on the new ground, but the man at the wheel of progress has undoubtedly been Mr THP Tapscott, an ex-president of the society, he has the interest of the scheme at heart, and under his guidance the exhibition has blossomed. Much still remains to be done. Labour is scarce, but the members who have been unable to work have responded well with the cash to pay the men who are employed. The catering was left entirely in the hands of members and volunteer helpers, and the result was good. The ladies, as usual, did their work well on the ground, and several ran a supper in the evening after the pictures, the total for the day being £73 8/. Mr. Ralph Adamson conducted a guessing competition for the fat bullock, and this netted £4 3/.

**And later in the month some of the business men were being conned**

Source: *Quorn Mercury, SA, Friday 29 October 1920. EASY MONEY. [From "The Orroroo Enterprise."]*

A couple of weeks back the clear air of Orroroo was disturbed by an assertive and shrewd gentleman who—armed with a fine collection of gas mantles and various parts of lighting systems—invaded the premises of business people, and while here seemed to have done well from a financial point of view. His first visit was to Jowling's store, where something like this happened between WCD and the stranger. The latter opening up his samples and getting right off the mark. "Good day, sir, I have here a fine collection of gas mantles, of a new pattern and design; by using these mantles I can save you 50 per cent, on your lighting bill annually!" "Can you?" queried the man behind the counter. "Well, that would only save me about 3d., so your luck's out!" This wasn't too good a start; nor did he do better with the district clerk, who pointed out that the civic fathers met by daylight. Still, several others were not so fortunate, and we hear a whisper that the bogus man has cleared with about £20 which represented a deposit on all orders booked. Mr FG Ellis, who met the individual stated that the light expert was supposed to be representing a Melbourne firm, whose address was in Collins street, but city firms investigated the address and find that the quarter in question is the habitation of medical men. One interesting feature of the business is that the stranger knew his lighting chatter down to a nicety, the second point of interest is that the full particulars have been passed on to the police. (Money is likely to be tight in Orroroo for a few weeks).



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It was as far back as 1881 that the farmers of Orroroo and surrounding areas looked forward to “having better crops next year”, but 125 years ago, the talk of the town and district was also the coming of the ‘iron horse on the iron road’.

The extension of a network of northern railways in the late 1870s was a politically influenced and complex matter. In pursuance of public works, Bills were introduced into Parliament for surveys and construction of northern lines from Hallett to Terowie, Gladstone to Georgetown and Terowie to Pichi Richi, and Petersburg to Jamestown. The northern or Terowie to Pichi Richi Railway was based on Terowie being a junction of the metropolitan broad-gauge (5’3”) and the northern narrow-gauge lines. Terowie was also perceived as having “a supply of fresh water, a necessity at major steam-engine terminals.” According to Basil Fuller in his 1975 book ‘The Ghan’, “smouldering township feeling flared in burning rivalry between Petersburg, Orroroo, Carrieton and Hawker”. When all was done, Petersburg remained the sole alternative to Terowie” as the junction of narrow-gauge lines from the south, west, north and eventually east.

**From the Observer, Adelaide, Saturday, January 22, 1881**

**“Country News, Orroroo, January 14.**

The good effects of the late storm are not lasting as the weather is again as hot and close as it can possibly be. In this town we had only a small quantity of rain, whilst in the hills – not half a mile away – it fell in torrents, filling up large waterholes and stone quarries.

I noticed sometime ago that some one writing from this district stated that the Pekina Creek was dry just beyond Orroroo. This was not the case, as there has been more water running this season than for many years, my informant being an old resident.

The railway people are steadily advancing towards Orroroo from Yongala, and at the present moment some of the navvies are pitching their tents near the parklands outside the township, so that I expect we shall have lively times as soon as they all get to work. Yesterday a large quantity of wheat came into the mill here from surrounding districts of a very fair average quality, and some of the farmers seem to think this season at least they will not be ruined, but look forward to having better crops next year.”

**An article from the Adelaide Chronicle back on 5 March 1881 read: TEROWIE, February 2.**

“ ... I went over the first section (22 miles) from Terowie onwards to Orroroo, some few days since, and was surprised to see with what rapidity Messrs. Kean [e] & White are pushing on with the plate laying of the railway from Petersburg to this place, they having reached within six miles of Terowie. I was given to understand by the contractor himself that three weeks would see the last rail to Terowie laid down.” The Terowie to Petersburg section of the Terowie and Pichi Richi (or Quorn) Railway was opened in May 1881.

**Again from the Adelaide Chronicle, October 1, 1881**

“Petersburg, September 28. Yesterday Orroroo and this township were connected by ‘the iron road’ and we may shortly expect to be able to go by rail to our northern sister township. I hear that another Government township is being laid out along the railway, about eight miles south of Orroroo on the travelling stock reserve. A private township has already been sold midway between here and Orroroo, and Government allotments laid out on the reserve adjoining. It is questionable which offers the better site, but both can scarcely be sold.” In late September 1881, a copy of a memorial (petition) was presented to the State Government by the residents of Yatina regarding the site for a railway station at Black Rock Plain.

When Orroroo and Petersburg [Peterborough from November 1917] were connected by a narrow-gauge (1,067mm or 3’6”) railway on 27 September 1881, it was only a contractor’s engine that ran into the Orroroo railway station yard.

Whilst there were no towns as such along the railway, it appears that at least one prospective publican was in business in the vicinity.

**From ‘Country News’ of the Adelaide Chronicle, September 1881, “PETERSBURG, SEPTEMBER 14.**

A quantity of sly grog was seized at the house of a man named Masterton, beside the railway on the Black Rock Plain, a day or two ago. I am glad to see that the police are at last roused to energy.” Interestingly an article in the same edition reported that a Mr John Masterman was refused a Storekeeper’s Licence (Liquor) by the Northern District Licensing Bench at the time.

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The official opening of the railway from Petersburg, or Yongala Junction, to Orroroo in November 1881 was comprehensively reported in the Adelaide Chronicle of November 26, 1881.

“An event of considerable importance not only to the northern parts of the colony but to South Australians generally, took place on Tuesday, November 22, when His Excellency the Governor [Jervois] declared the Terowie and Orroroo railway open to the public. Betting aside, the convenience which the railway will afford to the people in the vicinity, it must be borne in mind that the line is a portion of the great trunk railway which will in a few months be completed between Adelaide and Beltana, a distance of 440 miles, and, in the course of years will connect Port Darwin with the metropolis of the colony.

The following particulars with respect to the railway have been kindly supplied to us from the Engineer in Chief's Department: - The length of the line is 86 miles 34.45 chains; the amount of the contract was £75,097 10s; the estimated cost of the railway per mile, including station buildings, rolling stock was £5,070.

For the first five miles from Terowie the line passes through good cultivated land with about 18 inches of good soil on a bed of clayey gravel. From thence, six miles on to the township of Petersburg, the line passes through land having about 12 inches of good soil below which is gravelly soil and a hard rock bottom. For the next twelve miles from Petersburg the country passed through by the railway consists of a clayey surface on limestone and sandbeds; and thence onto Orroroo the land has a good soil on a limestone and earth bottom. The bridges and culverts are nearly all built of concrete set in mould. Where there are large openings, iron girders are employed, and near Orroroo the substructure is built of masonry, with an iron superstructure. The rails are 41 lbs [pounds per yard] steel rails 21' 2" long, with deep fishplates, and Ibbotson's [Ibbotson Brothers & Co., steel and file makers of Sheffield, England] patent nuts have been used. The ballast is of limestone and gravel. For the last ten miles the line runs along the Black Rock Plain, which is subject to severe floods, and in consequence a large number of waterworks have been constructed. The permanent way is similar to that on other narrow gauge lines in this colony. The sleepers are of sugar gum, obtained from the

Wirrabara forest and are 6 foot 6 inches long by 8 inches wide. There is ballast under the sleepers to the extent of 6 inches. The contract for the construction of the railway between Orroroo to Quorn, the link remaining to be completed to establish railway communications between Adelaide and Beltana, has been let to Messrs. Millar Bros., and the line will be ready for opening in about three months. The length of the railroad from Adelaide to Orroroo is 175.5 miles.

At half-past 6 o'clock on Tuesday morning a special train was in waiting at the Adelaide station to convey the Parliamentary party to Orroroo. It was thought that the earliness of the hour would prevent a very large muster, and it was hardly anticipated that any of those gentlemen who had played in the cricket match on the previous day would come up to time. The result, however showed that a very large number of members of Parliament and other gentlemen arrived in time to make the trip, and a start was made at the appointed hour ... The weather was beautifully fine and a most enjoyable although lengthy outing was looked forward to." The train stopped at Smithfield, Tarlee and Riverton to pick up dignitaries and His Excellency Governor Jervois and family joined the train at Mintaro after having spent the night at the residence of Messrs. Bowman. More passengers boarded at the Burra, with all changing over to the "new train" at Terowie. On the narrow-gauge line a good rate of speed was maintained, averaging about twenty-four miles an hour, and the terminus [Orroroo] was reached at twenty minutes to 2 o'clock as had been arranged. "Here there was a large muster of the inhabitants, and as the iron horse drew up there were three hearty cheers given." Chairman of the Orroroo Branch of the Farmers' Association, Mr James Jamieson, supported by secretary William Copley, welcomed His Excellency as the representative of Her Majesty the Queen and read out an address. His Excellency responded, expressing thanks for his reception and in reply to the request of his friend the Commissioner of Public Works (Hon. J.G. Ramsay), declared "the Orroroo line of railway open to the public of South Australia."

The members of the Parliamentary party were then driven to into the township for a sumptuous banquet at the Institute "when about 120 persons sat down." Mr D Jacoby carried out the catering and the chair

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occupied by Mr WB Rounsevell MP. Numerous speeches ensued, including several which raised the political matter of “the direction the railway is to be carried out from Orroroo in the future” (Port Augusta and/or Port Germein). The usual toasts were proposed including “Success to the Orroroo Railway.” The special train departed at 4.30pm, reaching Adelaide at 11.00pm - a round trip of 351 miles occupying twelve and half hours of travelling time - marking one of the fastest and longest rail journeys ever made in a single day.

James Wylie Birrell was appointed Station Master (SM) at Orroroo on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1881, the Orroroo Railway Station declared open on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and the service provided continuous rail communication for the town and district for almost 100 years (the station closed on 31 July 1981). The official rail distance from Orroroo to Adelaide was 176 miles 6 chains, calculated from a post in the centre of Adelaide station booking office, to the centre of the corridor at Orroroo station. A young Warren Ackland was the last SM at Orroroo.

Work on the link between Orroroo and Quorn was already well under way in 1880 having begun at the Quorn end in September that year. By December 1881 trains were running between Quorn and Eurelia. A coach from Orroroo, where passengers and parcels were transferred, met these trains. By February 1882, the rails had reached Walloway and the rail connection between Adelaide and Port Augusta established on March 8, 1882. The official opening of the Orroroo to ‘Quorn line’ took place on May 17, 1882 in conjunction with the last section of the Port Augusta to Government Gums [Farina] railway, from Beltana to Farina. Locomotives on the Terowie to Port Augusta line were initially steam powered ‘small’ English W-class and American X-class, followed by the SAR Y-class, T-class and. SAR 830-class diesel-electric units were common from the 1960s and NSU and NT engines were also used until the line was officially closed. A 400-class Garratt ‘oil-burner’ did travel between Peterborough and Quorn. The Orroroo railway station and yard was an important link in the line and had a main line, a passing siding nearest the station building, a goods shed and two goods sidings, and a stock siding at the northern end of the yard. Another line branched off to an ash pit near the overhead water tank at the southern end and water columns at both ends of the yard, although ‘loco

water’ has not been available at Orroroo for decades, since the 2,775,200 gallon-capacity railway dam was abandoned in 1948. A turning triangle, removed in 1939, was situated on the east side of the main line south of the station yard. The narrow gauge ‘Quorn line’ survived the rail rationalisation years of the 1970s, including the opening of the standard gauge from Broken Hill through Peterborough to Port Pirie and the extension of the broad gauge from Terowie to Peterborough in January 1970. However it was an isolated line and services were reduced to one scheduled train a week from the ‘Burg to Quorn, along with a short service to Orroroo and return, then a once weekly service to Carrieton and eventually a seasonal only grain service to Orroroo and return. Narrow gauge bogeyed 830-class diesel locos 858 and 867 were maintained to work the line until the few necessary train services were handled by 867 alone. Former Commonwealth Railways NSU 53 and 58 units hauled the last Peterborough to Carrieton and return goods train on July 30, 1980. The same engines powered the last Peterborough to Quorn and return goods train on August 14, 1980. What was to be the last Peterborough to Quorn and return ‘passenger train’ was on the weekend of October 17/18, 1981 behind Steamtown Peterborough’s PMR 720 WAGR steam loco ‘Keith Smith’. In 1983 Steamtown ‘recovered’ switches and associated rail fittings from sidings from Bruce working back towards Eurelia and a series of work trains powered by NT 74 from Peterborough in turn to Bruce, Hammond, Mookkra and Carrieton. Pichi Richi Railway’s (PRR) NSU 52 ran as a ‘light engine’ from Quorn to Peterborough on June 9, 1986 and was used to assist ‘sister engine’ NSU 58 hauling grain trains from Orroroo to Peterborough. Less than three months later, on August 30, NSU 52 returned to Quorn and the fate of the line was sealed. Train services beyond Eurelia ceased with the closure of the Eurelia to Quorn line on March 3, 1987. The main line of the former Terowie and Pichi Richi Railway was physically broken, possibly forever, on Friday June 19, 1987 when members of the PRR began ‘ripping up the tracks’ at Hammond. Contractors then moved in and removed the Bruce to Eurelia railway, leaving only the earthen bed. The last train from Peterborough to Eurelia and return was sometime in 2002 and was not a celebrated occasion as it was not known at the time that it was to be an ‘historic train’. The cessation of train operations by Steamtown resulted from the

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insurance 'fallout' events in New York on September 11, 2001 and lack of local administration. A last-ditch effort to run a 'last train' prior to the end of the 2001-2002 financial year was considered by John Mannion and Ted Mason (Jamestown) but deemed to be too hard, hence Steamtown's fire slowly went out. There were several Motor Inspection Car (MIC) 127 'hospitality' trips with paying customers driven by Stan Hucks and Colin Workman. Colin Workman drove the last 'official' movement on the Peterborough to Eurelia line.

The arrival of the railway gave the people in the vicinity of the 'Quorn line' the opportunity to travel long distances with relative ease, bringing time, speed and modern communication into their lives and changing the nature of the region forever. What became the Peterborough Division of the SAR played a very important role in opening up the northern areas of the state of South Australia, contributing much toward the economy and heritage of the region. As Mrs Elva Plummer wrote in her publication, "Important Dates In The History Of A Great Railway Town" in October 1988.

Railway workers came from far and wide and built a proud industry in many towns, large and small. "The great Standardisation Project of the 1960s certainly boosted Peterborough's economy and population, but its completion marked the end of a great era of narrow-gauge train working."

A few facts of events over the years that contributed to the railways in this area, developing and gradually declining to what is now a non-existent state.

**1971** - Carrieton station closed on 1<sup>st</sup> July and Cockburn station closed on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**1972** - Coordinated road service between Peterborough and Orroroo commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**1975** - Pending the sale of the South Australian Railways (SAR) to the Commonwealth Government, state rail workers became employees of the State Transport Authority - Rail Division, on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**1978** - Quorn station became unattended from 1<sup>st</sup> March, coinciding with the amalgamation of the SAR with the Commonwealth Railways. The new entity was known as Australian National (AN), with operations associated with the former SAR Peterborough Division controlled from AN Central Region, based at Norwich Centre, North Adelaide. From 13<sup>th</sup> November it was

administered from Northern Region headquarters at Port Augusta. At the time of amalgamation there 489 employees at Peterborough.

**1980** - The last goods train between Peterborough and Quorn ran on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Coal, sleepers and rolling stock were taken to Quorn for Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society.

Last narrow-gauge Ghan ran on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Wirrabara station closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**1981** - Orroroo station closed on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

The twice-weekly train service between Peterborough and Orroroo-Carrieton was withdrawn on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**1982** - The train/bus service between Adelaide and Quorn was replaced by a private road bus service from 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Laura station closed on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**1983** - Peterborough Railway Refreshment Rooms closed on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Melrose station closed on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Booloroo Centre station closed on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**1984** - Wilmington station closed on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Yunta station closed on 21<sup>st</sup> August.

**1986** - Peterborough Train Control was transferred to Adelaide on 10<sup>th</sup> August.

A 'Budd car' railcar service commenced from Adelaide to Broken Hill, via Crystal Brook on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

The 'Bluebird railcar service between Adelaide and Peterborough, via Burra ceased on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Crystal Brook station closed on 26<sup>th</sup> December.

**1987** - Jamestown station closed on 9<sup>th</sup> January.

A large number of railway workers classed as 'surplus to requirements' and a 'Voluntary Redundancy Incentive Scheme' introduced. Many employees left 'the railways'.

Last 'grain trains' from Orroroo to Peterborough.

**1988** - Only three attended stations - Peterborough, Gladstone and Port Pirie - on the former Peterborough Division of the SAR. Number of workers at Peterborough numbered 147; Loco Workshops 25, Works Foreman 9, Stores 3, Plant Depot, Permanent Way 15 and Operations 91.

**1997** - The Orroroo Goods Shed was demolished by Adelaide-based demolition contractor Richmond Salvage under instruction from Ausbulk (SACBH) on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## Orroroo Refuse Depot

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# Probus Report

This month 20 members came to listen to Robbie Robinson from Booleroo Centre talk to us about the Booleroo Centre Men's Shed (pictured right with John Arthur).



About 11 years ago a group of men would get together for a chat but thought it would be good to do more than just sit around and reminisce about their school days. It was decided to apply for a grant to build a Men's shed. There are three other Men's sheds in the area, one at Port Augusta, one at Port Pirie and one at Burra. They were able to build the shed on land owned by the Mount View Homes with the agreement that if ever the Men's shed closed the building would become the property of the Home.

In the early days the shed was very basic with no power connected which limited what was able to be carried out. One of the local men arranged to have the power connected at his own expense and this opened up a whole new avenue of opportunities to take place.

As well as meeting on a Thursday morning the group also have arranged day trips which have in recent years included trips to Peterborough, Port Augusta, Quorn, Crystal Brook and the Willoughby's farm at Wepowie.

The shed now has two areas, a work area where old pieces can be restored and another area where the men are able to just sit around and have a chat and a drink.

One of their members noticed a lot of pallets on the side of the road when the new pipeline was being laid between Peterborough and Orroroo. When told they would be thrown away he asked if he could have some for the men's shed. He is converting them into Planter boxes which are sold to bring in extra money for the group.



John Arthur gave a vote of thanks to Robbie for his very interesting presentation.

Twenty Probus members and friends had a great day out when they visited Steamtown in Peterborough. After having a good look around the Museum in the afternoon it was down to the Junction Hotel for an evening meal. In the evening we returned to enjoy the Steam and Light Show which portrayed the history of rail in the Peterborough Area.

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# Orroroo Golf Club

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

The Championships were held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Everyone had a great day!



Ladies A Grade: Denise Williams winning on the 29<sup>th</sup> hole over Jenny Liebich



Ladies B Grade: Nardine O’Dea winning with 2 up Maria Heywood



Men’s A Grade: Kym Fromm winning 3 up with 2 to play over Tom Dearlove



Men’s B Grade: Todd Baker winning 8 up with 7 to play over Dave Salisbury .



A sincere thank you to caddy’s (l-r):  
Jackson Nutt (Frommy),  
Isaac Jesser (Tom),  
Jason Woods (Todd),  
Veg Jones (David),  
Kate Williams (Denise & Jenny).



# Orroroo Lions Club

President : Duncan Anderson 0432 383 337    Treasurer : Trevor Laskey 0427 599 051

## ARE YOU COMMUNITY MINDED?

We are looking for civic minded people to join our group to assist in the running of the Orroroo Lions Club. We are in the unfortunate situation where there are primarily elderly members in our group, who are less able to cope with the physical aspect required for some of the services we supply. We are hoping to find a few able-bodied people to assist in our fundraising efforts and the running of our club. We are very concerned that if we are unable to enlist more help, we may be forced to close. Over the years we have raised much money for the community in particular the Hospital and the Community home. We have donated equipment etc to the Lions Park. If you could possibly find a couple of hours per month it would be a huge help. You would find this a very fulfilling exercise surrounded by friendly and like-minded people. Please phone or contact Duncan or Trevor any time.

# Update to COVID-19 restrictions in SA

**FROM 12.01AM, 3 OCTOBER**



## Standing hospitality



**Standing consumption of food/drink can resume outdoors** at licensed venues



## Private functions at licensed venues



**Private functions with a maximum of 150 guests (i.e. weddings) may have indoor/outdoor standing consumption of food/drink and dancing,** provided contact tracing records are kept and other specific requirements are met





## Christmas Pageant 2020



It is with great regret we inform you that the Christmas Pageant scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020 has been CANCELLED due to Covid-19 restrictions.

We are hopeful that 2021 will bring us an even bigger and better Christmas Pageant.

**CAROLS IN THE MAIN**  
Orroroo - 13th December 2020  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



**And now its October!!!!!!** That means its time to look for those Christmas gifts and spring/summer fashions.

**There are so many gorgeous styles and colourful fashions this season, so be sure to drop in for a look.**

**We have heaps of super ideas for Christmas gifts. Free gift wrapping and layby available. Please keep Christmas local.**

**Put your orders in for the Pudding Lane puddings. We don't want you to miss out on these delicious puddings.**

**The long weekend hours: Saturday 10am to 1pm**

**Sunday 10am to 1pm**

**Monday 10am to 1pm**



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