QUORN HERITAGE WALK

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First Street, prior 1909

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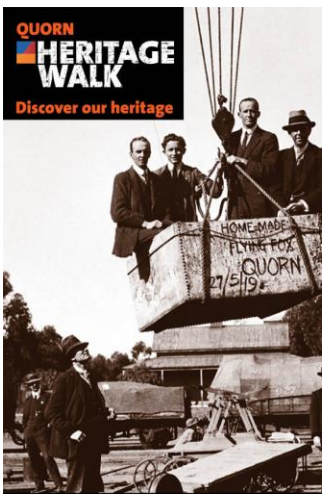
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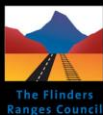
13 Shops
First Street was a bustling hive of activity. Shops included stock and station agents who played a key role in the farming of the area. Merchants offered a wide range of goods.

14 The Savings Bank of South Australia, 1890s. State Heritage
This two-storey building with cellar was built by a Government contractor for saddler John Rock. It was converted to a bank in 1909. The banking chamber was panelled with polished cedar.

J. Rock Saddler, approximately 1920

15 General Store and Shops
Two key shops in this area were the ironmongery and carpentry business (c 1883) of R. T. Thompson and the Quorn General Store (1878).

The Quorn General Store

16 Bakery, 1878
This building served as a bakery for 78 years. The first baker was John Canny who also sold confectionary. The last baker was Stanley Bell who retired in late 1957. It later became the Flinders Museum.

The Bakery

17 Butcher Shop, late 1870s
This building's fame comes from its 'part' as the butcher shop in the 1987 film *The Shiralee*. It has had numerous owners. In 1972 it became a fruit and vegetable shop.

The Butcher Shop

18 Shops on Sixth Street, 1900s
The two-storey building of residence and shop was Brewert's Bakery until the late 1950s. The adjoining shop was a newsagency in the early 1900s, run by a Miss Lewis.

Sixth Street, 1928

WELCOME BACK TO QUORN

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19 Garage, 1924
Mr B.J. (Billie) Hughes began the first garage in Quorn in June 1924. He sold Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oakland and Buick cars. In 1948 the company became a General Motors Holden dealer.

A car show in Quorn, 1935

20 Hartley Lodge
Hartley Lodge was the first hospital in Quorn. It was opened in 1923 by the owner of the property, Mrs A. Brewster, who ran the hospital until she died on July 18, 1937.

21 Quorn High School, 1923
Quorn Area School has been established on grounds formerly occupied by Quorn High School. The High School and Primary School were joined in 1968 to form the Area School.

Quorn Area School, 1928

22 Dunn's Mill, 1879. State Heritage
This mill with gabled roof form and lime walls, was established in 1879, a year after Quorn was settled. It was built for John Dunn & Co and was one of two flour mills erected on Railway Tce.

J. Dunn & Co. mill, 1880

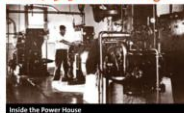### 23 E.S. & A. Bank, 1881. State Heritage
This ornately gabled building originally was the English, Scottish & Australian Chartered Bank. Before 1881 the bank had been operating in a weatherboard building on Railway Tce.

E.S. & A. Bank, 1900

24 Quorn Power House, 1923. Local Heritage
This building housed the generators which provided the town with electricity before Quorn was connected to the state-wide grid. The fight for a Power House took off in 1919 when residents began agitating for an electric light scheme.

Inside the Power House

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25 National Australia Bank, 1880. State Heritage
Entered on to the State Heritage Register on November 8, 1984, the building's location on Railway Terrace underscores the economic significance of the railway to the town.

The National Australia Bank

26 Masonic Lodge, 1880
Masonic Lodge No 59 displays historical, economic and social themes that are of importance to the local area, most notably the development of Freemasonry in the district.

Masonic Lodge No 59

27 Transcontinental Hotel, 1878. State Heritage
The Transcontinental was the first two-storey hotel in the town and was reputed to have the largest and best ventilated billiard room in the north.

The Transcontinental, 1889

28 The Austral Hotel, 1878. State Heritage
Originally of one-storey, the hotel was first known as The Pinkerton. In 1922, the second-storey was added and the hotel changed its name to The Austral.

The Austral Hotel, 1905

29 Bruse's Hall, 1878. State Heritage
It is believed the hall was built by Irishman William Armstrong who emigrated to the Colony in 1886. In 1911 it was bought by William Bruse who added a first-floor billiard room known as Bruse's Hall.

Bruse's Hall

30 The Criterion Hotel, 1880s. State Heritage
The hotel was owned by William Bruse. It originally had a balcony at the front and a walkway was built to Bruse's Hall balcony to give access to the billiard room.

The Criterion Hotel, 1909

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CRADOCK
Cradock also features historic sites which can be viewed on a short walk starting from the Cradock Heartbreak Hotel which began trading in the early 1880s.

Cradock, named after a Governor of South Africa, Sir John Cradock, was established in 1878. It grew quickly and soon boasted a school, police station, two hotels, three churches, two general stores, two blacksmith shops, a saddler and a handful of private houses.

However, like many early Flinders Ranges towns, Cradock was soon on the wane as farmers were hit hard by drought and grasshoppers.
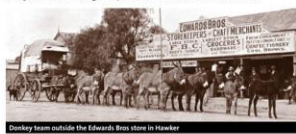
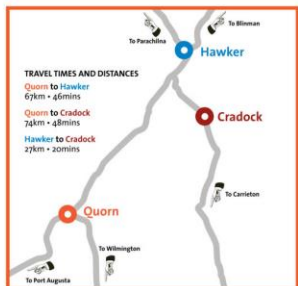*Saturday afternoon at Cradock Hotel, approx 1930*

HAWKER
Hawker was proclaimed on July 1, 1880, and named after Sir George Charles Hawker, who at that time was one of South Australia's leading political figures.

Hawker still has a variety of historic buildings surviving from those early days and they can be viewed on the Hawker Heritage Walk. There are 34 sites – ranging from the Pioneer Memorial, to the Catholic Church, the Railway Station and an old pug and pine cottage – which will take you back in time.

Today, Hawker is known as the 'Hub of the Flinders' and remains a key town servicing the pastoral and tourism industries.

Donkey team outside the Edwards Bros store in Hawker

TRAVEL TIMES AND DISTANCES

Quorn to Hawker
67km • 46mins

Quorn to Cradock
74km • 48mins

Hawker to Cradock
27km • 20mins

To Blinman
To Parachilna
Hawker
To Cradock — Cradock
Quorn
To Carrieton
To Port Augusta
To Wilmington

Quorn Railway Station, 1922

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Welcome to historic Quorn, surveyed in 1878 by Godfrey Walsh and named after Quorndon in Leicestershire, United Kingdom. On January 18, 1878, the Governor, Sir William Jervois, turned the first sod of the Great Northern Railway and the town of Quorn, which became a vital railway hub, was proclaimed on May 16.

The railway line from Port Augusta to Quorn opened in 1879 and from there it was extended north to Government Gums (now Farina) in 1882, Marree in 1884, Oodnadatta in 1890 and Alice Springs in 1929.

During World War II, Quorn was a key centre as troops were moved by rail across Australia to Darwin and Papua New Guinea. It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of troops enjoyed meals cooked by the amazing women of Quorn. For a period, about 50 trains a day went through Quorn.

The bustling tourism and farming town is rich in history and to follow the Quorn Heritage Walk, which features 30 sites, is to step back in time to the heritage and character of yesterday. Take time to soak up the history which includes sites such as the Railway Station (1915), four hotels dating back to the late 1870s and 1880s, the old three-storey flour mill (1878), the famous R. W. Foster Store (1878), the Post Office (1878), Police Station (1881) and Court House (1879).

If you find some of the buildings and surrounding Flinders Ranges countryside familiar, it is because the Quorn area has been a "go to" area for filmmakers since 1949 when *Bitter Springs* was filmed. This was followed by films including *Kangaroo*, *Robbery Under Arms*, *The Sundowners* and *Sunday Too Far Away*.

❶ Quorn Railway Station, 1916. State Heritage

The original station was built in a cottage style of timber and was opened in 1879. It was replaced in late 1916 by an elegant stone and brick station.

Quorn Railway Station, 1922

❷ Quorn Court House, 1879. State Heritage

State Heritage listed on January 12, 1984, the historic old Court House highlights the significance of law and order in the early days of Quorn and the Colony.

Quorn Court House, 1906

❸ Quorn Town Hall, 1891. State Heritage

Tenders for the Town Hall, built from locally quarried stone, were called in November 1890. It was placed on the South Australian Heritage Register on January 12, 1984.

Quorn Town Hall, 1915

❹ Quorn Post Office, 1881

The first Post Office opened in August 1878, but was only a temporary structure. By mid-1879 there was considerable agitation for a new Post and Telegraph Office, opening in 1881.

Quorn Post Office and Telephone Exchange, 1920-30

❺ Quorn Police Station, 1881. Local Heritage

In 1879, local residents drew up a list of things they wanted from the Government and high on that list was a police station. The building was completed in 1881 at a cost of 899 pounds.

❻ Grand Junction Hotel, 1890. State Heritage

This once grand two-storey hotel was constructed from local stone and contained a large card room and billiard room. The first licence was from 1888 to 1890.

Grand Junction Hotel, 1907

❼ Garage, 1890

This building has served as a foundry and machine shop, blacksmith and wheelwright. Later it was a Ford dealership before becoming the Council Works Depot.

G.R. McDonald's garage, 1923

❽ Catholic Church, 1883

Tenders for the 250-seat church, described as being of 'Gothic architecture,' appeared in the *Port Augusta Dispatch* on January 31, 1883. The ceremony of dedication was carried out on July 22, 1883.

The Catholic Church, 1907

❾ R.W. Foster Store, 1878. State Heritage

This historic general store was originally known as The Great Northern Emporium. It retains original fittings and features a display of shopping history.

R.W. Foster Store, 1930

❿ Chemist Shop, 1879

This shop with residence has a long history of being associated with the health and welfare of the people of Quorn. The first chemist was Edward Gilbert in 1881.

G.R. Cobbin's residence, chemist and dentist, prior 1909

⓫ H.F. Adams' Store, 1878

Originally a saddlery owned by Edward Manton, the building later became a bank and then a fruit store. In 1911, Mr H.F. Adams began a general store. After his death in 1993, his son Leonard took over until it closed in 1951.

H.F. Adams Store, 1907

⓬ The Quorn Mercury, 1895

The Quorn Mercury was founded in May, 1895, by Robert M. Osborne who also ran *The Petersburg Times* at Peterborough. In 1896, he bought his brother, Stanley, out from England to run the paper.

The Quorn Mercury, 1895

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TO HAWKER

TENTH STREET

FLINDERS RANGES VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

RAILWAY TERRACE

EAST TERRACE

FIRST STREET

EIGHTH STREET

SEVENTH STREET

SIXTH STREET

SECOND STREET

TO PORT AUGUSTA

FIFTH STREET

FOURTH STREET

THIRD STREET

WEST TERRACE

SOUTH TERRACE

Quorn Primary School

St Matthew's Anglican Church

Methodist (Uniting) Church

TO WILMINGTON

Quorn District Memorial Hospital