

A Brief History of Quorn

Quorn is cradled in a Flinders Ranges valley 330km north of Adelaide. The town, in this picturesque setting, is one of Australia's most historic railway towns. At one time trains from the north, south, east and west all stopped at Quorn and for many years it was the southern terminal for the famous Ghan rail journey to Alice Springs.

Although its days as one of the nation's major railheads are over, the romance lingers on through volunteer enthusiasts who continue to operate a steam train service which regularly makes the 33km round trip on a restored line between Quorn and Pichi Richi from March to November. They also maintain the railway workshops in which they maintain a collection of old locomotives and rolling stock. Their documented records show that the ladies of the Quorn branch of the Country Women's Association served almost 1 million free meals to soldiers who passed through the town on the constant flow of World War II troop trains.

Because of its location at the edge of the Flinders Ranges and its old style charm Quorn has been the setting for many scenes in many movies. The landscape and the town have been used in films as diverse as *Gallipoli*, *The Shiralee*, *The Sundowners*, *Sunday Too Far Away*, and *Robbery Under Arms*