

AROUND THE RIDGES

and a bit beyond



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We hope everyone was happy to receive the first issue of our school and community newsletter. Extra copies of the Community Business Directory will be available at the Alton Downs Refuse Station and at Wandal Post Office. If you still have not received a Business Directory please phone 49341132 and a copy will be sent to you. This newsletter has been sponsored by **Jenkinson Contractors**.



"THERE'S GOLD IN THEM THERE HILLS"

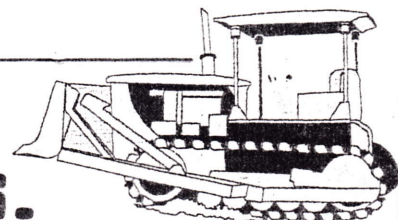
One of the earliest epidemics to affect the district was to cause raised blood pressure, increased heart rate, excitability and delusions of immense wealth. It was called "gold fever". J.T.S Bird records that the Smith Brothers were working on Colin Campbell Mackay's "Morinish" run in late 1866 when they discovered gold at a depth of about three metres. A number of gullies were worked in the area. In January 1867 David Hunter opened up Hunter's Gully, which employed a number of men. By the end of 1867 the field was proving successful and a Morinish Township flourished with some few hundred people and stores, hotels and carrying businesses established. Gold bearing reefs were discovered which produced a high grade of gold. Some famous names on the Morinish field were the McMaster Family (grazing and QANTAS) and the Pattison Family (mining and grazing).

Meanwhile in February 1867 Arthur Hosking and Bird himself opened up the Ridgeland's field pegging out an alluvial area and one for reef mining. The Gold Commissioner would not allow both claims and allotted the reef claim to Kirkner. The alluvial claims were not very rich but the reef gave gold yields of a finely divided gold of high quality. Ridgeland's field had the benefit of a good supply of water from the adjacent creek. The government of the day had offered a reward of 500 pounds for the discovery of payable gold. Bird and Hosking received only 250 pounds, which was the first such reward in the Colony of Queensland. A famous name associated with the Ridgeland's fields was John Murtagh Macrossan, later to become a famous politician and an ancestor of famous lawyers and judges.

Kevin Watts, present owner of the property on which the main workings were located has researched in detail the history to the Ridgeland's Gold Field.

John Fletcher

Jenkinson Contractors.



Kent and Jasmine Jenkinson are your local rural land developers. The business has been operating since 1997. They are based at Morinish and specialise in supplying contract labour. This includes fencing, tordoning dozer work(D6), yard building and mustering. All work is guaranteed and all machinery thoroughly washed down before moving between properties. We have recently expanded into pasture seeds and wholesale fruit and vegetables grown on our Kabra block. Please ring for a quote or price on any of the above services on **0429662289**.

Ridgelands State School

Preparations are well under way for our Spring Fair on August 31st. This year we are trying a different approach and holding the Fair on a Sunday from 10.00 a.m. till mid afternoon. Please keep this day free as we need your support! Remember, all money raised goes towards the children's education.

Sports News.

This term the children will be participating in netball, tennis and soccer, with teams competing with other schools in our district.



Classroom News.

Years 2 and 3 have been busy writing letters to various businesses and companies as part of their unit of work about **transport**. Throughout the term they will have guest speakers from the transport industry visit the classroom as well as going on excursions to different places in the Rockhampton area.

We also welcome Ms Sally May, who is studying education at CQU, to our classroom. She will spend the next 10 weeks assisting and teaching in the classroom.

The Year 3 and 4 class are studying the theme "**Communication**". The students are learning about how it is something we all do every day and it is one of the main things that distinguish us from the animal kingdom. The students will be learning to communicate by sharing information, thoughts and opinions, in writing, speech and through signs.

The class is very excited about organising their Trash and Treasure Centre for the school fair, implementing their communication skills.

Year 5/6 students become authors this term as they research and write biographies of inventors. Students in Year six are researching Australian inventors, while some students in year five will specifically research female inventors.

For the school fair Year 5/6 is holding a bottle stall, so any empty bottles, or even better, full, would be appreciated.



Day
long, fun
eating, swimming, playing
city, iceblock, house, bed
sleeping, showering, snoring
cool, dark
night.

By Nathan Thompson Year 5

Dalma State School

Anne-Marie Cooper has accepted a temporary position with PCAP office for Semester Two. Kerod Lindley (from The Hall State School) will be acting Principal during her time away.

Capricorn Highway Cluster.

Dalma, Stanwell, Westwood and Gogango are working together to plan their Units of Work for the students of all four schools. This term our unit of study will be "**Our Solar System**". The students will be doing some very exciting work in this area including Sky Nights at the school.



RIDGELANDS SPRING FAIR

SUNDAY
AUGUST 31
10am

- Devonshire Tea
- Multi-draw Raffle
- Brides through the ages
- Fashion Parade
- Plants
- Craft

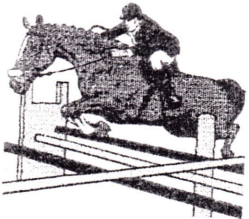
- Hot Lunch
- Bar
- Raffles
- Cakes
- Trash & Treasure
- Children's Rides



RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL

Pony Club News.

The Zone 27 Pony Club camp was on from the 29th June to the 4th July, 2003. Offering members all facets of riding lessons ie: dressage, show jumping, cross country, polocrosse, horsemanship, ring-craft presentation for the show ring, mounted games and sporting, campdrafting, vet talks, farrier talks, feed lectures, bio scan treatments, etc. All riders were also fed 5 meals a day to give the camp a real camp feeling, building long friendships at the dinner table. There were 80 riders for the week all having a fantastic time.



MORINISH LANDCARE

"Morinish Landcare group has been very active". Environmental Management Systems (EMS) has been one of the main programs that some of the group's members are undertaking. EMS is an integrated management system that a business can use to identify and manage its impacts on the environment and improve production efficiencies. EMS provides a reliable method of documenting adoption of environmentally sound practices. EMS complements property management plans and is to be a voluntary and flexible system. EMS is a system to be built by the people on the ground in our rural industry and also work in partnership with governments, community and industry groups to build a better framework to achieve continual improvement in environmental, business and marketing performance.

We also have a "Rubbervine Program" where the Federal Government Envirofund through the Natural Heritage Trust have funded \$24 000 to our Landcare group. We give great thanks to Mr Jeff Mills of Melrose and Mr Kristian Smith from Fitzroy Basin Association. The Morinish Landcare group meets every 2 months and we try to get guest speakers to broaden our horizons.

President John Salmon

WHAT'S ON

Ridgelands Annual Campdraft
13th/14th August.
Ph: 49345543 or 49345110.

3-D Barrel Racing

Sunday 24.08.03.

Sunday 07.09.03.

10.00am start

Ph: Liz O'Halloran 49341361

QCWA Ridgelands Branch

Bring and Buy.

6th August 9.30am

Morning Tea and raffle

Everyone welcome.

Ridgelands State School Spring Fair

Sunday 31st August 10.00am.

Alton Downs Scout Group

Every Tuesday night in term time
6.30 to 8.30pm at Ridgelands Hall.

Joeys - 6 to 8 yrs

Cubs - 8 to 10 yrs

Scouts 10 to 14 yrs

Enquiries

Joyce Chippendale 49345120

Bowling

Alton Downs Hall

2nd August 7.00pm

Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club

Rhee-Tae-Kwan-Do Tuesday nights
6.30pm. Contact: Raelee 49223737.

Hoy, Mini Cent Sale & Hot Meal

26th July - 6.00pm.

Trivia Night 16th August

Contact: Ann 49345534.

MEETINGS

Ridgelands Show

Wednesday 13th August

7.30pm Ridgelands

Showgrounds.

Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club

Special General Meeting

Sunday 31st August 4.00pm

To discuss amendments to
Club rules/Constitution.

QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets

9.30am, 1st Wednesday of

the month.

Stitch and Chat Group

Meets 9.30am, 2nd & 4th

Tuesday of the month.

QCWA room,

all welcome.

Ph: 49345120

P&C Meeting

2nd Wednesday

Every month

Morinish Landcare Group

August at Peter Emery's

This will be in conjunction

with a field day with

Dr Gavin Graham from DPI

Time 9.30 Bring a chair.

NOTICES

For Sale

2 male Jack Russell pups

Purebreds \$100 each.

Ph: 49341361.

Young Muscovy Ducks

Phone: 49345594

Give Away

Border Collie

Female, approx 5yrs old

Gentle nature, great

with kids. Ph: 49437621

Wanted for Spring Fair

Plants for the Preschool

plant stall at the Spring

Fair. Please bring them

to the school.

Donations of pre-loved

clothing, furniture,

books and nick-nacks

for Year 3,4 bargain

store.

Donations for craft stall

needed please.

Brides Through the Ages.

We are looking for

a variety of bridal

gowns, from the past

and present to be

modelled during the

fashion parade.

If you have a gown

please contact 'Tricia

Ruddick A.S.A.P. on

49345518.

Typist needed for

Show Society.

JAZZ ON THE RANGE.

Come and listen to jazz styles from the roaring twenties
to upbeat modern, played by SLAUGHTERHOUSE SEVEN.

Date: Tuesday 19 August

Time: 7.30pm

At Middle Hall, The Range, Agnes Street.

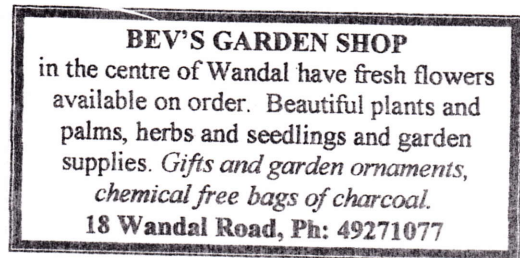
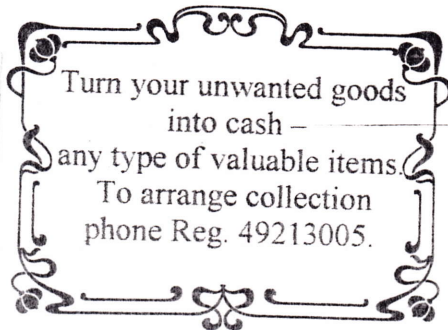
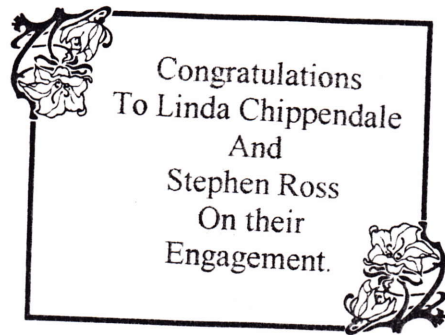
Tickets: \$15.00

Students: \$5.00

Includes nibbles, dessert and coffee.

Contact Caroline on 49341392 by 16th August.

Bookings essential.



General Information about "Around the Ridges and a Bit beyond" newsletter.

- ❖ Let our sponsors know you learnt about them through "Around the Ridges".
- ❖ Free school and community notices, birthdays, anniversaries, lost, found.
- ❖ Donations, please, for classifieds.
- ❖ Business card size ads: Cost \$7 – but are subject to space and may be reduced to text.
- ❖ Newsletter sponsorship available for \$50. This includes your ad and editorial.
- ❖ Place your ad in the next biannual business directory.
- ❖ We would like to stress that payment must accompany advertisement.
- ❖ Please make cheques payable to Ridgeland State School P & C Newsletter Account.

Do you read every word in this newsletter, finding typing mistakes and checking grammar? If so "Round the Ridges" needs you! Please get in touch if you would like to help with the publication of our community newsletter.

Phone 49341132.

- ❖ Newsletter contributors please note, cut-off date for items is 15th of each month.
- ❖ For sponsorship of newsletter and enquiries, phone 49341132 or fax 49341076.
- ❖ This newsletter needs the support of the community to succeed. Contributions and ideas are welcome.

Be careful of the words you say
Keep them nice and sweet
For tomorrow may well be the day
They're the ones you have to eat.

2003 QUEENSLAND POLOCROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROCKHAMPTON



The Rockhampton Polocrosse Club invites you to the 2003 State Championships, held at its Hunter Street complex, located just 300m from the Rockhampton Airport entrance. 3 Days of action packed Polocrosse September 5th, 6th & 7th.

Competition

Play starts 8.00 am sharp each morning Friday 5th, Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th (Finals Day)

Divisions:

Mens
Mixed
Junior
Masters - Men over 50yrs & Women over 45yrs, (Numbers permitting)

Facilities:

5 irrigated fields
Plenty of Showers
Over 300 yards "please bring rope"
Electric Fence Area
Powered Sites
(See Details Below)

Meals & Entertainment

Thursday

- Bar open 6pm
- Free Sausage Sizzle

Friday

- Fully catered by the Allenstown Hotel Breakfast, Lunch & Tea.
See our Menu!
- Live Entertainment by Mick Jensen.

Saturday

- Fully catered by the Allenstown Hotel Breakfast, Lunch & Tea.
See our Menu!
- Live Entertainment by Lyle McCulloch.

Sunday

Finals Day & Party Time !

Our Major sponsors



- Buy a Table at our Corporate Day Function
- Become a Full carnival Trade site holder
- Watch the best Polocrosse players in Qld. Do battle

Carnival Contacts

Bruce McAlister (Pres)
Bus. 49248500
Fax. 49248560

Simon Ruddick (Sec)
Bus. 49276444
Fax. 49225375
Mb. 0419 173625

ROCKHAMPTON POLOCROSSE GROUNDS

Conveniently located at

Hunter Street
ROCKHAMPTON

Just 100 m from Airport
Entrance in North St.
Follow the signs.