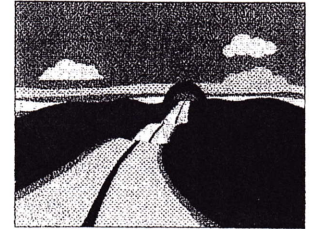


AROUND THE RIDGES

and a bit beyond



Issue 5 November 2003

A community and school newsletter.

Letter from Susan Porter. 'From Alton Downs to the Kimberleys'

We left Alton Downs on 18th March, 2003. One hundred and thirty seven days and two thousand, six hundred and fifty kilometres later, we're camped at the back of the historic Junction Hotel in the township of Newcastle Waters.

The five horses are enjoying a well-earned rest day across the road, where not that many years ago up to fifteen droving plants would be parked up for the wet season. Like them we're using our time here making repairs to equipment – in our case replacing a broken spring.

The only obstacle we've struck was five days from home, crossing the Connors Range. Finding no easily accessible way around it, we had arranged for Kelly's dad, Jack, to tow the wagon over the steepest part while we rode the horses. That past, we soon left our biggest bugbear – the bitumen – behind us. We left the highway at Clarke Creek School, giving several students a ride to school along the way, then along the Carfax Road into Dysart. From there we headed direct to Clermont where we had a few days rest down by the recently upgraded Hoods Lagoon.

From Clermont we headed along the power line, across the top of Lake Galilee (salt lake), through Fleetwood and Corinda into Rainsley.

We headed up the Torrens Creek- Aramac Road for about 20km (our sort of highway, gravel road and no traffic!) before having another couple of rest days at Prairie Creek.

From here we were onto the Downs. A lot of places through here have changed from sheep to cattle.

We stayed at Stamford racecourse (south of Hughenden) for a few days, sharing our campsite with adventurers who have been on the road for seven years with a wagon and a team of camels. (and people say we're crazy!)

We had a couple of days rest at Lyrian Waterhole on the Saxby River, then through Canobie to Burke and Wills Roadhouse. We had little choice but to stick to the highway for much of the 146km stretch to Gregory. We could travel alongside the bitumen for some of the way, but still wore out a few horseshoes though here.

We stopped at Nardoo for a few days, one of the oldest privately owned properties in Queensland and Kelly helped with some mustering, experiencing helicopter mustering for the first time. Although he sees the benefits, he's decided to stick to the horses.

To be continued.

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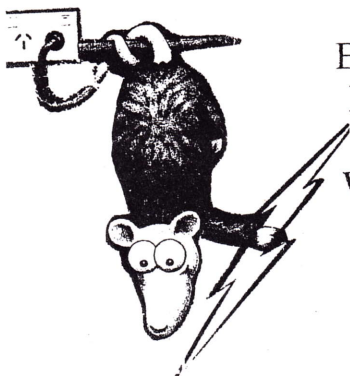
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Dalma State School

Term 4 has commenced and looks like being a very full and busy time. Our theme for this term is "Around the World" focusing on various cultures. Our country of study will be Switzerland. Students will be combining with Westwood, Gogango and Stanwell to attend a Multicultural day at Dreamtime Cultural Centre and Rockhampton Botanical Gardens.

Our camp for this year will be at Waterpark Creek where students will study a diverse range of flora and fauna in a Rainforest environment.

Dalma State School was recently represented at the Open Schools Team Challenge Gymkhana by Sarah, Emma and Matthew Stanke. CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah on attaining 2nd place in Division 3 (Yrs 6,7). Well done!

Ridgeland State School

A big congratulations to our School Equestrian Team, Mrs Paddison and all the parents and others who assisted her on their great win in the "Open Schools Gymkhana" held at the Alton Downs Pony Club grounds, on Sun 12 Oct. The Ridgeland Team won the Primary School Division for the overall competition and came second in the "Open" Division for the March Past. They were only just beaten by The Cathedral College. It was a great effort.

These students received individual awards:

Kelsie West - 1st Division 3
Lachlan Hunt - Runner-up Division 5
Naomi Pierce - Encouragement Award Division 4

Zoe Spencer, Brodie Christensen, Lachlan Hunt and Kiah Barney also gained places on the day.

Students are looking forward to the Arts Council performance "Moving Pictures" which has been postponed from Thursday 23rd October to Tuesday 28th October at 9.30am.

Our school disco was a great night on Fri 17 October. Students really got into the "Cartoon" theme.

A reminder that we are taking enrolments for Pre-school to grade 7 for 2004. As Ridgeland School supplies many of the back to school books and equipment for students, we would appreciate early notice of new enrolments for "ordering" purposes.

Education News

In March 2002 the Government released "Queensland the Smart State — Education and Training Reforms for the Future", a landmark package of proposed education and training reforms in which it proposed that all young people should be 'learning or earning'.

If you are in Year 7 in 2003, what do the changes mean for you?

- You will have to stay at school until you finish Year 10 or turn 16.
- In Year 10, you and your parents will work out your future education and training plan with your school. This is called a Senior Education and Training Plan.
- When you have finished Year 10 or turned 16, you will have to participate in education and training for a further two years, or until you gain a Senior Certificate or a Certificate III vocational qualification, or until you turn 17. Your education and training could be at school, in TAFE, or in an apprenticeship or traineeship, or a combination of these.
- If you get a full-time job after you have completed Year 10 or turned 16, you won't have to participate in education and training, but you can come back to it later.

Because of the 6/7 camp from the 11th to the 13th of November our next P & C meeting will be held in the school library at 7:00pm on Wed the 19th of November.

Regards
Mick

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.

Classroom News.

Pre/One are studying 'Space', both the reality and fantasy.
The Alien. By Geoffrey Morrison.
I saw an alien in the playground doing the stomp.
She showed me the spaceship. It was gold with shiny windows.



Year 2 / 3

This term Year 2/3 students are studying "The Sea". Throughout the term they will discuss environmental issues affecting the sea and its creatures, experiment with concepts such as floating and sinking, learn about sun safety with slip, slop, slap and present various forms of poetry writing.
They are also looking forward to planning an excursion to the Capricorn Coast later in the term.

Year 3 / 4

This term the students are learning about pirates. Students will learn that there have been pirates throughout history, there are different kinds of pirates and understand more about the social climate of countries in the 1500-1800s.

The students are tie dying calico to make bandannas. Thank you to Mrs Robyn Lawton for teaching the children how to tie dye. We are all looking forward to wearing them and being the Ridgeland pirates.

It's going to be a term full of activities including treasure hunts, map making, pirate drama, role play, and researching famous pirates.

Year 5 / 6

This term each student has "won" \$8000 to be spent on a holiday. Students will plan a holiday, accounting for flights, travel, meals and other expenses. Students are also to complete a map on their chosen country and research important facts.

Students have learnt about alliteration and wrote a stanza for a poem following an ABCB rhyming pattern. Some students were very creative.

Cats!

*Casey's crazy, clumsy cat called Crackers,
Crawls chaotically in the court.
He capers when he confronts with canines
And can't control himself when taught.
By Casey and Kayla*

Year 6 / 7

Highlights of Term Three.

The children wrote a website about themselves.

"The websites had great graphics, colours and photographs. We found out all about each others' family, sport, pets, interests and hobbies. I enjoyed making these websites because we found out about other people and their favourite things". Jack Ward.

Along with the CSIRO Science Challenge we also had special activities for Science Week

"Throughout our term of science experiments there was one most enjoyable experiment was when we made green and blue SLIME. Everyone has a fantastic time including the teachers." Stephanie Ruddick.

RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held October 8th, 2003.

Meeting opened at 7:20 pm

PRESENT: Vivian Duff (President), Tricia Ruddick (Secretary), Judy Stanke (Treasurer), Lynne Foxwell (Vice-President), Michelle Shepherd and Ena Sinclair.

APOLOGIES: Mick Byrne (Principal), Chris Lovell, Jenny Reeve.

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved: Tricia Ruddick Seconded: Lynne Foxwell that the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted as read - carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Ridgeland Show Society - catering.
- Water Pipeline - Jim Pearce - response re: water pipeline permit - Main Roads, DNR.

Inward Correspondence:

- Kele Bros Agencies- invoice
- Olivia Hopkins - thank you note re: sponsorship for softball selection trip to Mt. Isa.
- Queensland Arts Council - brochure & booking form.
- Rockhampton Sub-Committee - Life Education Australia - minutes.
- Jim Pearce - letters to Main Roads & Council
- Main Roads - re: pipeline.

Outward Correspondence:

- Letters - Jim Pearce re: pipeline.
- Redback Certificates - Spring Fair Thank Yous.

Moved: Tricia Ruddick Seconded: Michelle Shepherd that the inward and outward correspondence be endorsed and accepted - carried.

General Business:

- Disco - discussion re: invitation to Dalma, date, time and cost .
P & C catering - drinks , chips and chocolates.
- Year 7 - end of year outing discussed - more discussion at a later date.
- Year of 2003 T shirt - Tricia Ruddick to follow-up.
- Discussion re: TCC Orientation and Year 6/7 North Keppel Island camp. Further discussion with Mick Byrne.

Meeting closed 8:30 pm.

Next meeting November 19th, 2003 at 7pm.

Ridgeland State School Equestrian Team News.

A special thankyou needs to go to a wonderful team of parents who supported this year's Ridgeland team. I'd also like to congratulate the organisers including Horseland, Alton Downs Pony Club and community members for such a successful day. This event was only possible due to these dedicated organisers. Congratulations on a job well done.

As mentioned earlier by Mr Byrne, we had a very successful day winning the 'Rural Weekly' High Point Primary School trophy as well as being awarded second place in the 'Open' division for the March Past.

I'd like to acknowledge the following parents for their assistance:

- Carolyn Dodds for making extra saddlecloths and ties.
- Paige Barney for creatively designing, cutting star templates and gear checking our team according to the rules.
- Robyn Lawton for organising the team's yard space and her talents in braiding tails.
- Graham West for making the school banner holder.
- All the parents who gave it a go for the first time plaiting horse's manes, bandaging and glitter decorating.

I'd also like to mention that our school team consisted of many new riders who gave it their best shot for the first time. These riders had not participated at many Pony Club days, events or competitions before. All team members showed courage, dedication and good sportsmanship on the day.

The Ridgeland team consisted of 13 riders : Kelsie West, Jacqui Fossett, Naomi Pierce, Bridie Weier, Madison Rosenberg, Rhianon Turner, Brodie Christensen, Harry Lawton, Jessie O'Sullivan, Zoe Spencer, Lachlan Hunt, Kiah Barney and Connor Christensen.

Thankyou for everyone's support.

Julie Paddison.

Advertisements for the February to June 2004 Community Business Directory have started coming in.
Please forward your business card size ad plus \$40 payment to:
Mrs Pat Watts, Dalma Road, Ridgeland. Qld 4702.
Please make cheques payable to 'Ridgeland State School P&C Newsletter Account'.

Ridgелands and District Show News.

- A new Public Address System has been installed at the Showgrounds thanks to funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.
- The Show hosted a successful barrel race day on 28th September, 2003.
- The next annual show on Saturday 05.06.03 will include a DEXTER FEATURE SHOW.

Brides Through the Ages Fashion Parade.

Thankyou, thankyou!

A big thankyou to all those people who helped make the Brides Through the Ages such a success. Twenty five gowns were paraded on the day along with a number of flowergirls frocks.

I must thank four Rockhampton business houses: Bridal Affair
Bridal Reflections
Pete's Mobile Sewing Machine Center
St Vincent De Paul.

for their help and support.

I would also like to thank Marcia Edminstone for our lovely wedding cake and Carmen Wust for our bouquets.

Thanks also to the models and the behind the scenes ladies and to the school community for being part of the audience.

Regards,

Louella Hall.

Campdraft News.

Thankyou to members of the Ridgелands Hall Committee and helpers who catered at the Ridgелands Campdraft and those who helped in the running of the Campdraft.

Kevin Watts

*Experience the tranquillity of the
wind chimes,*

And the intrigue of the pot men,

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Beautiful plants & palms, herbs & seedlings
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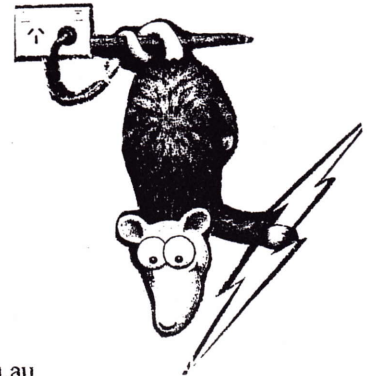
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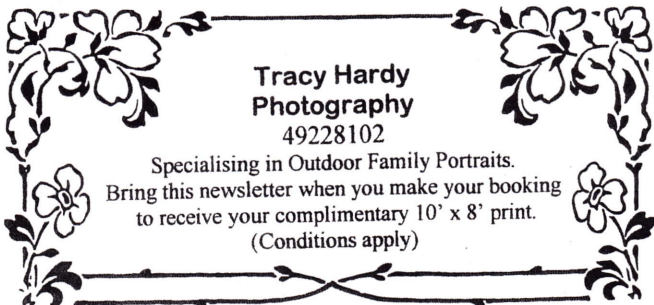


The Last Word.

An old Welsh hillside farmer's wife died and the old man wanted to put an epitaph in the local paper. He decides on 'Goodbye Mary. All my love. Till we meet again.' On enquiring the cost, he thought the quoted five pounds too much for a few words. When told that for the five pounds minimum charge he could have used a few more words he retired to think it over. He came back with 'Goodbye Mary. All my love. Till we meet again. Tractor for sale.'

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WHAT'S ON

Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club

Rhee-Tae-Kwan-Do nights
6.30pm
Contact Raelee 49223737

Learn to Dance Classes

With Janet
are on again
Thursday Nights
Stanwell Hall
7.30pm to 9.00pm
Small charge to cover
cost of hall.

MEETINGS

Ridgelands Show

Wednesday 12.11.2003
7.30pm
Ridgelands Show Grounds
Phone: 49345135

QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets
9.30am, 1st Wednesday of
month

Stitch and Chat Group

Meets 9.30am
2nd & 4th Tuesday of month
QCWA room.
All welcome.
Ph: 49345120

Ridgelands P&C Meeting

2nd Wednesday
every month
Phone: 49345518

Landcare Meeting AGM

November 12th, 2003.
At Collinsdale
(Salmon's place)
Phone: 49345163

Faraday Rural Fire Brigade

Is holding a meeting at the
Ridgelands Community Hall
on Monday 10th November
at 7.30 pm.
We are all volunteers who are
available to assist the Faraday
community in emergency fire
situations.
New members will be very welcome.
Enquiries: 49345648.

NOTICES

For Sale

ISEKI 6000 4WD
Tractor with 6ft Howard slasher
Both in good condition.
Phone: 49286761

For Sale

International BTD 6 Dozer
And two yard scoops
Phone: 49345135

For Sale

Queen size polished timber –
framed water bed.
V.G.C. \$250
Brother 546, 4 thread overlocker.
V.G.C. \$200.
Phone: 49345145

For Sale

Fiat Tractor 411R Series
45HP with Slasher
\$4300
Phone: 49341090

Give Away

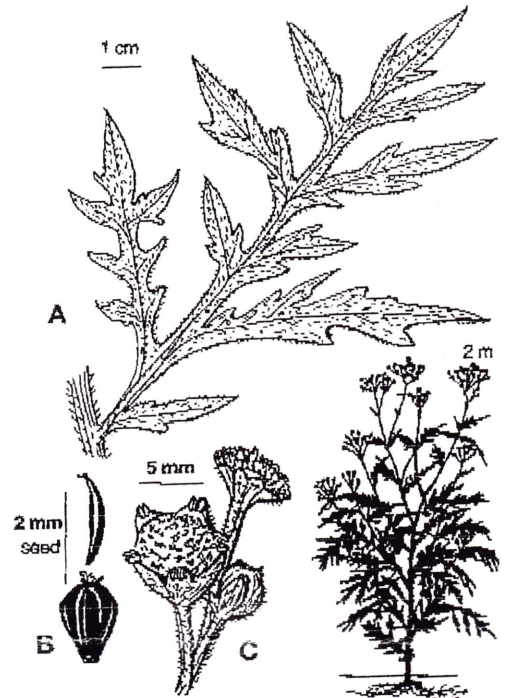
Six Kittens
2 females, 4 males
Ready 1st November
Phone: 49345146

Wanted

Loving home out of town for
Boxer X red heeler Male 2yrs
Labrador X blue heeler Male
1yr 6mths
Phone 0407587495

Weed Warning.

Parthenium weed is flowering and
setting seed at this time of year.
There have been sightings of this
invasive pest in flower along roadsides.
Please be on the lookout and inform
the council immediately.
Vigilance is needed to control this weed.



Thankyou to Mr Luke Ferguson,
Fitzroy Shire Council for providing
this information.

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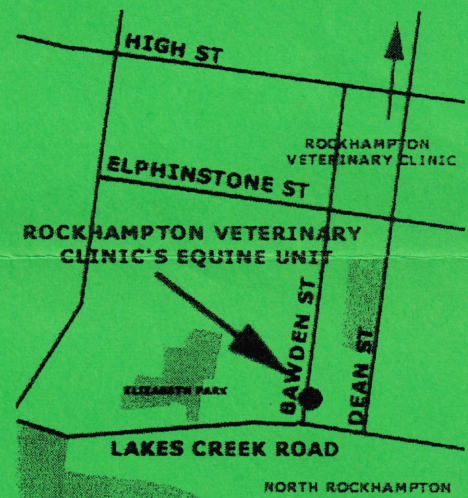
Horse & Cattle Services

Our Equine Unit, located in Bawden Street, just up from Lakes Creek Road, provides an excellent Surgical Facility and Hospital Stalls. (please see map below) This purpose built facility has an operation theatre, fully padded recovery stall, hospital stalls, vet crush and loading ramp all for the benefit of you and your horses. Our veterinarians have been in horse and cattle practice for many years enabling them to assure you of a high standard of treatment. We are supported by regular visits by specialist equine surgeon Dr. Philip Burguez B.V.Sc from Brisbane. Please ring the main clinic before visiting the Equine Unit.

Alister Rodgers is the holder of a Masters degree in beef cattle production and management in addition to having extensive cattle experience. He is a certified pregnancy test examiner and approved in bull breeding soundness evaluation, in addition to being trained in bovine embryo transfer and herd management. We also have facilities for cattle and horse reproductive work at Gracemere.

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Ridgелands Q.C.W.A.

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On

Sunday 23rd November, 2003-10-15 at 1.30pm

For our Christmas Cent Sale

To be held at

Ridgелands QCWA Rooms

Dalma-Ridgелands Road

Ridgелands

Afternoon Tea

Bring the family

Hope to see you all there

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