

# AROUND THE RIDGES

## and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

### Touring Tasmania

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2004, Ken and I boarded a coach in Rockhampton on the first stage of our trip to Tasmania. The travel company was Coach Holidays Australia and our driver and tour guide was Peter O'Leary, and as the name suggests we enjoyed many a good Irish joke during the two week vacation. Our first overnight stop was Goondiwindi, second night at West Wyalong and the third night we were on board the Spirit of Tasmania for an overnight crossing to Devonport. This was quite an experience for me and it took a while to get used to my bed vibrating and dipping back and forth before I finally got some sleep. When we disembarked next morning our Coach was waiting for us, having travelled over on the "Spirit".

The first thing we noticed about Tasmania was the need to get a coat on. After experiencing 44 degrees and above on the mainland there was quite a remarkable difference in temperature.

Travelling around the island was quite slow due to the mountainous terrain and the consistent winding roads; however we were able to fit a lot of sightseeing into two weeks.

We visited an apple orchard, a honey factory and a woollen mill, the town of Sheffield with its 23 hand painted murals, museums and heritage park, where we got up close and personal with a Tasmanian Devil. We enjoyed river cruises, marvelled at the convict built stone bridges and the oldest church in Tasmania at New Norfolk.

We stayed two nights in Launceston. From here we visited the Cataract Gorge and Woolmers Estate. At the Gorge we took the chairlift to the other side (the longest single span chairlift in the Southern hemisphere) Awesome! At Woolmers Estate we were given a guided tour of the main house, built in 1819 and upgraded to its present grandeur in 1840. We were free to browse at our leisure at the surrounding buildings and the extensive rose garden. The property passed through six generations of Thomas Archer and now belongs to the Archers Historical Foundation. Of particular interest to Ken was a 1913 Wolseley car purchased by Thomas Archer V for his honeymoon tour of Tasmania in 1915.

We spent four nights in Hobart and visited the many attractions on offer. We cruised along the Derwent River to the Cadbury's Chocolate Factory passing under the infamous Tasman Bridge, rebuilt after a barge laden with steel crashed into a pylon causing part of the bridge to go tumbling into the water. We were given a guided tour of the Cadbury's factory and enjoyed the generous samples on offer.

Our trip to Port Arthur turned out to be a cold, showery day, making the conducted tour a bit more interesting, ducking from tree to tree as we made our way around the historic ruins. Once again we boarded a cruise boat for a trip to the Isle of the Dead, burial place for the convicts and the free people of the Colony. From Hobart we also toured the Huon Valley taking in the Tahune Air Walk. This is a 597 metre long steel structured walking platform through the tree tops of the forest some 40 metres above the Huon River.

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### Demidios Café/Bar

**Demidios Café/Bar** is situated in QTV House, Aquatic Place, opposite Lone Star and Hog's Breath Cafes.

Kerry Adams and I bought it in partnership six months ago, and the business is going really well. We are open seven days a week, from 9am to 10pm weekdays and from 8.30am for breakfast, until late at weekends.

Breakfasts are popular all week, but most of all at weekends.

For a morning or afternoon break, our delicious cakes and homemade muffins and biscuits and coffee are also very popular.

Our lunchtime menu is comprehensive, with a 'specials' menu as well. Our Fine Fare menu of steaks and barrumundi is also very popular.

We are fully licensed, and have an excellent drink waiter on hand to make all sorts of cocktails as well.

We have created a garden area, complete with sails that is very popular, and seats about thirty people. It is a great spot for bulk bookings, as well as individual tables of two or more.

The restaurant seats about one hundred and twenty people, so there is plenty of space and we find that customers sit there for hours at a stretch, as there is no pressure for them to hurry to make room for others as they come in. It is a great meeting place.

We have a weekly booking of ten or so mothers with prams who find there is ample room to come and bring the baby too. This is not available at many other places.

We would love to see some of the locals come in to dine and we will serve you a complimentary coffee, for the remainder of May. Ellen Cogill



On leaving Hobart we travelled to Queenstown nestled at the foot of the dry barren hills of overburden from the copper mine. Here we boarded the West Coast Wilderness train for a journey of Strahan, a distance of 35 kilometres, which took three hours. It was a steam locomotive and to conquer the mountain terrain the unique rack and pinion system was used. After we had traversed the worst of the rough country we changed trains and went on to Strahan with a diesel engine.

Next day at Strahan we boarded the Wanderer II for yet another river cruise, this time on the Gordon River. We witnessed fish being fed at a trout farm in Macquarie Harbour, had a nice lunch on board and saw first hand the wilderness of the Franklin National Park. This was a truly lovely day.

As we travelled north we visited Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake. At the information centre we transferred to a shuttle bus for a tour of the area, complete with commentary.

We proceeded to head northward, leaving behind the stark mountain country. The hillsides were green with pasture and cultivation, a pleasant view after all the wilderness we had travelled through.

From Burnie we continued west along the north coast with Bass Strait ever present on our right. We paused at Stanley for a close look at "The Nut". This is a huge, flat topped hill that can be climbed on foot or via a chairlift. From the lookout you can view the Town, the rugged coastline and the sweeping farmlands to the west.

Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March saw us at the Launceston airport ready for the flight home. This is the first time Ken and I have taken a Coach Holiday and the experience was very satisfying. No worries about accommodation, meals, admission to attractions or getting the luggage on board, the Coach driver took care of all that.

It sure makes for a hassle free holiday!

Margaret Stewart.

### **Fitzroy Flashbacks Book Launch.**

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 was the day the new book 'Fitzroy Flashbacks, Stories from the Northern Area of Fitzroy Shire' was launched at a well attended afternoon function at the Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club. I wish to thank our many contributors whose stories and pictures gave this book its substance and local flavour.

Special thanks are due to Nola Tom, our consultant who helped throughout the collating and editing period; to our interviewers and typists, Caroline Buckley, Clare Buckley, Dianne Bull, Wendy Dunkin, Katie Reeve, Jill Fry, Robyn O'Neill, Anna Reeve and Erica Ward; To Ann-Maree Dyer for her clever sketches.

Our proof-readers were John Fletcher, John Mouritz, Meg Hatfield and Peter Hallinan. Who each gave Jenny and me encouragement.

Bev Russell, Meg Hatfield and Nola Tom lent their editing skills also. The printers, Meg Hatfield and Russ Hamilton from The Graphics Centre inspired Jenny and me with their enthusiasm when we had doubts about our efforts.

On the day of the launch, Nola Tom was our MC and our guest speaker was Ellen Smith, the deputy mayor of the Shire. John Fletcher, who knows this area so well, spoke to us all about the importance of preserving memories before they are lost in time forever. He said some inspirational things and hoped we would all read 'Fitzroy Flashbacks' and enjoy it as he had done. John then declared our book officially launched. My thanks to everyone who came along and made the launch such a success.

May I please say thank you to the members of the Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club for opening up your venue for the launch. The setting seemed just right.

The Ridgeland State School P and C Association catered so well for this event, providing a tasty afternoon tea and moving swiftly on to providing a barbecue for the games afternoon and trivia night which followed. Thank you for your excellent service for helping make this whole event so friendly and memorable.

The trivia night questions, so well prepared by Katrina Duff, had our thinking caps going!

Jenny Reeve and I hope you have an opportunity to read 'Fitzroy Flashbacks'. We hope you will have pleasure in doing so.

Rhonda Ward

(Joint compiler with Jenny Reeve).

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## **DALMA SCHOOL NEWS**

Children from Dalma State School are really playing their parts in the Alton Downs Sports teams, which are competing in the Rockhampton District competition on Friday afternoons.

We have six children in five teams; one netball and four tennis, and last Friday they managed three wins from five games. Well done to you all! Keep up the training at school, too.

The theme for SOSE and Science for this term is 'Inventions in Everyday Life' and we are looking at Simple Machines and their applications around the home and farm.

We are also getting lots of entries ready for the Rockhampton and Ridgeland Shows.

### **Congratulation to Past Pupils**

A couple of families from the district have let me know how well some of our past students are doing at secondary school. Both Hayley Connor and Kyle Stanke have received excellent reports from The Cathedral College.

High Achievements – Term 1, 2004

Year 8 – Hayley Connor

Year 9 – Kyle Stanke

Also, the Stanke Family recently competed and placed well in The Caves Horsesports and Heritage Village Horsesports. Good on you!

### **Community Library**

The Community Library is open during school hours or by prior arrangement. Please support this new facility. Keep your donations of old or new books, magazine, etc. coming in.

### **P & C News**

The P & C is holding a Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 22nd May at Bunnings Hardware. As this is a fundraising event for the students to attend a school camp at North Keppel Island later in the year, your full support is Welcomed.

Cheers

Kerod Lindley

Acting Principal, Dalma State School

## **RIDGELANDS SCHOOL NEWS**

Congratulations to Jenny Reeve and Rhondda Ward on the launch of their book, "Fitzroy Flashbacks". It was a well attended activity and a big thankyou to those parents who helped to cater for it, for the P & C. The BBQ and Trivia night run by the P & C after the launch was very successful and I wish to pass on thanks to all the members of the community who supported it.

Our school singing and signing choirs represented the School and Education Queensland at the Shopping Fair on Wednesday. Mrs Ruddick and Mrs Hiron accompanied them. From all accounts they did a great job.

A reminder that the Port Curtis P & C "Ho Down" which is a fundraising activity for all our Alton Downs sports teams is on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> and RSVP's are due.

Due to the first "State of Origin" (Go the Maroons!) game being on the next scheduled P & C night the meeting has been postponed to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Agenda items will include catering for the next auction and selecting a "Spring Fair" convenor and committee.

Congratulations to Stephanie Ruddick and Rachel Sewell for being selected in the Rockhampton Primary Schools' 12 year old representative netball team to compete in the Regional Trials next month.

Congratulations also to Kym Barney who was selected in the Rockhampton Primary Schools' Boys 12 year old representative softball team

More congratulations to members of our school Equestrian Team, Daniel and Holley-Jo Pye, and Rachel Sewell, who came third recently at Maryborough at a QISEA one-day event.

Our first ever Alton Downs Rugby League jerseys should arrive this week and supporters should be able to see the teams play their first games in them this week.

Students are also preparing for the Ridgeland Show on 5 June and our inter-house sports day on 24 June

Regards

Mick Byrne, Principal

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## Classroom Capers

### Pre/One/Two

Grade One and Two children's SOSE Unit, Our Natural World is well under way. The children have learnt about some of our marsupial animals and how unique they are. We can now tell you which animals have backward facing pouches and which marsupials (monotremes) lay eggs. Shortly we will be looking at the reptiles that live in our area, though not too closely in some cases!

All the children have planted sugar pea seeds as a science experiment and we are waiting eagerly to pick the crop.

The artwork for the Ridglands Show is well under way. Our theme is An Australian Animal. Please come to the Show on June 5<sup>th</sup> to admire our work.

### Year 3/4 Classroom News

The students have recently completed activities about team-work, sharing, co-operation and the different roles people play in a group as part of their SOSE unit. They have discovered that this is a very important part of the success of their circus performance as they continue their group work. At the moment the students are organizing and perfecting their circus performances for our end of term show which they will present to parents and other students.

'Tricia Ruddick

## **YEAR 5 / 6 CAPERS**

### **Studies of Society and Environment**

The Year 5, 6 & 7 students are studying the SOSE unit 'It's my turf: Local area study'. The SOSE unit's concluding activity involves the students writing, designing and producing a brochure to promote our local area (Ridglands and/or Alton Downs). The brochure must also be designed to target a specific audience. Therefore the students must be able to:

- show an understanding about local area features
- demonstrate their knowledge about the contributions people have made to the area
- use communication and mapping skills to describe features, direction, locations and distances in the local area

The students have approached this task with great enthusiasm.

Sonya Whitehead has started her school visits (year 5/6 classroom) as part of her university study. As a second year she will undertake SOSE lessons in relation to a 'Queensland Week / Communities Unit'. Her lessons will allow students to explore this theme from past, present and future perspectives. The activities provide opportunities for students to develop their understandings by actively participating in the retrieval of information sources.

### **School Fair**

Before we know it, the School Spring Fair will be here! Therefore our class has discussed about continuing the concept of the Bargain Store (Bargain Blitz). However to make this a great success we needed to start collecting quality donations including clothes, knick-knacks, accessories, shoes, jewellery, cutlery, china/glass wear and the list goes on.

The year 5 & 6 students would also like to continue the jar store. Therefore every student in the class will be required to donate at least one jar full of goodies (eg. lollies, pencils, hair accessories, knick-knacks and so on). Yes, we are collecting donations now!

*Julie Paddison*

## **YEAR 6/7 NEWS**

Today we continued our unit on Food. This week we are testing for simple sugars. We briefly looked at monosaccharides, disaccharides and polysaccharides.

The student also had time today to work on research for their Science project "The History of a Particular Food".

At reading today we began a new series of books, Safari Books recently purchased by the school. Each book focuses on a different aspect of literature. eg. Maria's Dream helps the students to make informed statement about the traits of the main character in relation to the plot.

More next week. Regards, Sue.

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# Sporting Stars



Ridgeland's State School students have excelled on the sporting field in a range of sports from swimming, cricket, equestrian, netball, softball and tennis.

## Club Cricket Results

Kym Barney of Brothers Shamrocks received the Batting Aggregate trophy for U/11s while Ashley Boon took out the '5 Wicket Innings trophy.

Gracemere Club cricketers Travis Duff, Francis Witt, Luke Ruddick, Stephanie Ruddick, Jordan Thompson and Nathan Thompson all received Club Participation trophies for the U/11 season. Travis Duff also received the All Rounder trophy for U/11 White, Francis Witt won Best Batter for White and Jordan Thompson received Most Improved for U/11 Green. U/9 Gracemere cricketers Jesse Witt and Curtis Duff were also among the prize winners. Jesse Witt won Best Bowler Award for Gracemere Gold and Curtis Duff took out the Most Improved Player also for Gracemere Gold.

Crescent Lagoon Swimming Club also saw a busy season for our swimmers. At the end of season club presentation night they received the following trophies –

Stephanie Ruddick – Club Championships Participation and 'Best Girl Trier at Training and Club Nights'  
Luke Ruddick – 9 years Age Champion Runner-Up. Andrew Hunt – Club Night Participation and 'Best Boy Trier at Training and Club Nights'. Lachlan Hunt, Jesse Witt, Hannah Foxwell, Brodie Christensen, Connor Christensen, Roarke Christensen, Francis Witt- Club Night Participation.  
Jordan Thompson – 9 years Age Champion. Nathan Thompson – 11 years Age Champion and the Sneddon Family Trophy for Senior Boys Aggregate Runner-Up. Lauren Thompson – Club Championships Participation.



At the Pony Club Championships in Biloela Holly-Jo Pye (10) and Zoe Spencer (8) competed in the 10 & Group 2 Jumping Equitation and Show Jumping. Holly-Jo achieved 2 firsts, 1 second and a ninth. She received first place overall winning a gold medal and a horse rug sponsored by Horseland. Zoe Spencer received a 5<sup>th</sup> place as well as a 9<sup>th</sup>. Daniel Pye competed in 11 & under division and received the following placings – 6<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>; leaving him 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done team.

In Maryborough on May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rachel Sewell, Daniel Pye and Holly-Jo Pye represented Ridgeland's State School in the EFA One Day Event against Grades 6 -12.

The team was successful in the competition, gaining a bronze medal overall. Daniel rode 3 horses and Rachel rode well to give the team their bronze. Holly-Jo gained 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the Individual Junior Intro One Day Event out of 37 competitors up to the age of 18yrs in the Interschool Competition. A great weekend was had by all!!  
1<sup>st</sup> - St Luke's Maryborough      2<sup>nd</sup> – Rockhampton Grammar 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ridgeland's.

On the May Day weekend the 80<sup>th</sup> Town and Country

Tennis Team Carnival was held at Victoria Park. Francis Witt played in the Mens B3 competition. The team was made up of 4 boys (Francis Witt, Alex & Trent Raguse, Taylor Wass) and 1 adult (Brett Wass). As there were only 3 teams in the division, they played against Mens B2 all weekend. Francis' team the Kit-shickers played the Baralaba Bull-s-hitters to win the Mens B3 comp. They had some good wins and great fun too.



Last weekend at the Junior Age Tournament at Victoria Park saw some wonderful tennis by our students. The results of the weekend are -

Singles 10 years - Francis Witt 2<sup>nd</sup>, Luke Ruddick 9<sup>th</sup> and Jesse Witt 16<sup>th</sup>. Singles 11 years - Travis Duff 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Singles A/B Division 2 - Stephanie Ruddick 9<sup>th</sup>.

Doubles A/B Division 2 - Travis Duff 1<sup>st</sup>, Francis Witt 2<sup>nd</sup> (9-7), Stephanie Ruddick 4<sup>th</sup>.      Doubles 10 years - Luke Ruddick & Jesse Witt 6<sup>th</sup>. Mixed Doubles A/B Division 2- Francis Witt & Stephanie Ruddick 2<sup>nd</sup> (9-8).

## Ridgeland's Takes On Rocky Rep !!



On Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Ruddick and Rachel Sewell were successful in being selected in the Rocky Representative U/12 Netball team. The girls will travel to Yeppoon for the Capricornia Zone Carnival and Trials from May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>. Best of Luck girls!!



Kym Barney was recently selected in the Rockhampton U/14 Boys Representative Softball Team. Congratulations!!

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## Rockhampton District Sports Results Weeks 1- 4

### Netball

Senior B - Alton Downs defeated St. Mary's 15 - 2.

Senior B - Alton Downs defeated Glenmore 16 - 4.

Junior C - All Saints defeated Alton Downs 1 - 1.

Junior C - Alton Downs defeated Allenstown 7 - 1.

Senior D - Alton Downs defeated Rockhampton Grammar 15 - 0. Senior D - Alton Downs defeated Mount Archer 2, 20 - 4.

Senior D - Alton Downs defeated Allenstown 12 - 0.

Senior B - Alton Downs defeated The Hall 19 - 2.

Junior C - Frenchville defeated Alton Downs 8 - 3.

### Soccer

Girls - Alton Downs A defeated Frenchville 2, 4 - 0.

Minors - Alton Downs defeated Warraburra 4 - 0.

Senior B - Alton Downs drew with Frenchville 2, 2 all.

Senior A - Alton Downs defeated Glenmore 4 nil.

Girls - Alton Downs A defeated Alton Downs B 3 nil.

Juniors - Rockhampton Grammar defeated Alton Downs 2 - 1.

Senior B - Glenmore defeated Alton Downs 3 nil.

Senior A - Alton Downs defeated Mount Morgan 5 nil.

### Rugby League

11 years - Rockhampton Grammar defeated Alton Downs 30 - 10. 11 years - The Hall defeated Alton Downs 28 - 4.

11 years - Alton Downs defeated Gracemere 44 - 10. 11 years - Alton Downs drew with Crescent Lagoon 20 all.

10 years - Alton Downs drew with Gracemere 10 all. 10 years - Alton Downs defeated Mount Morgan 38 - 18.

10 years - Alton Downs defeated Warraburra 26 nil. 10 years - St. Joseph's Wandal defeated Alton Downs 16 - 10.

### Tennis

Alton Downs 1 defeated Allenstown 31 - 1.

Alton Downs 1 defeated Rockhampton Grammar 12 - 1.

Alton Downs 1 defeated St. Paul's Gracemere 21 - 11.

Alton Downs 1 defeated Rockhampton Grammar 16 - 6.

Alton Downs 2 defeated Mt. Archer 6 - 2.

Alton Downs 2 defeated Crescent Lagoon 11 - 9.

Alton Downs 2 defeated Glenmore 30 - 15.

Crescent Lagoon defeated Alton Downs 2, 14 - 12.

## Musical Moments



On Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Ridgeland's Singing Choir performed for the very first time in the Rockhampton Eisteddfod. They received from the judges a "Highly Commended" award. They were also commended on their dress, appearance and behavior. Well done kids!

On Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>, both the Ridgeland's Singing and Signing Choirs performed at the Rockhampton Shopping Fair as part of Education Week.

They both performed exceptionally well and should be very proud of themselves. The Signing Choir is looking forward to their next performance which will be at the Ridgeland's Show on June 5<sup>th</sup>.



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## QCWA Branch News.

A very successful afternoon tea was held at Alton Downs Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> May by the QCWA Ridgелands Branch with about 100 people attending.

Guests were entertained by Bouldercombe Singers and a display was given by Rockhampton Square Dancers, which was enjoyed by all.

An iced Mothers' Day cake was won by Marie Scott of Ridgелands. A Bush Buddy hat was won by Pat White of the Range Village.

The oldest mother was Mavis Watts of Rockhampton and the mother with the most children was Hilary Chippendale of Ridgелands. Mother to be was Anna Harding of Ridgелands.

The prettiest hat was won by Sr. Madonna Watts of Rockhampton.

## Ridgелands QCWA International Day

Knitting and Crochet and Floral Art

21<sup>st</sup> June, 2004

10.00am at Ridgелands Hall

All Welcome

## Local Wedding.

The wedding of Gerard Ellrot and Regan Besch was held at 'Big House' on 24<sup>th</sup> of April.

The bride, Regan Besch, is the eldest daughter of Geoff and Lyn Besch of 'Six Mile Vale', Bajool. The bride was attended by her sister, Renee Besch, Emily Ellrott and Melissa Bunk. The flower girl was Mackenzie Pincham.

Gerard's best man was Craig Ellrott and groomsmen were Malcolm Van der Loos, Garrett Kirk and Reid Kirk.

Guests came from as far away as Darwin, Cairns and Kyogle.

The night was very special with everyone thoroughly enjoying the wonderful setting, great food and catching up with friends.

Gerard and Regan Ellrott have made their home at 'Normanville' which is part of the 'Big House' holding.

May they have a long and happy life together!

**Enjoy the**  
**STATE OF ORIGIN**  
**On the BIG screen**  
**At the Alton Downs Polocrosse**  
**& Sports Club**  
**26<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July.**  
**Nibblies, food and drinks available**  
**Enquiries: Paul 49341396**

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Ridgелands Hall Association, Inc, I would be pleased if you could have a little message inserted regarding the theft of the pressure pump from the Hall. The matter is in police hands and two officers came out to the Hall last Tuesday morning to investigate this matter.

If any persons have any knowledge of suspicious activities at the Hall would they pass this information on to the police. The pump is an Onga. Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Watts, Hon. Secretary, Ridgелands Hall Association

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## WHAT'S ON

### 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.

### Keep this date free!

Ridgelands Show  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2004

### Ridgelands QCWA

International Day- Scotland  
21<sup>st</sup> June, 2004  
Also Knitting & Crocheting &  
Floral Art Competition.

### Alton Downs Hall Committee

Dance on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2004  
Dance on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2004  
Dance on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004  
and

Bowls second Saturday night  
of each month.

### Play Group

First Meeting of Play Group  
Ridgelands State School  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
9.30 am  
and fortnightly thereafter  
Contact Michelle Rose  
Phone: 49345635

### Rhee-Tae-Kwan-Do

At Alton Downs Polocrosse  
and Sports Club  
Tuesday nights, 6.30pm  
49223737

### State of Origin

On the big screen  
At the Alton Downs Polocrosse  
& Sports Club.  
26<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July.  
Nibbles, food and drinks  
available.  
Enquiries: Paul 49341396

## NOTICES

### Wanted to Buy

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### Give Away

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Phone J. Killeen 49341206

### Needed By Ridgelands

Equestrian Team  
Donations of black Jodphurs.  
All sizes Phone Julie Paddison  
49345518

## Found

Dressed dog, young, collar with  
studs in it, ginger in colour with  
white patches down left side on  
chest and face. 4 white feet.  
Found Nine Mile area  
Phone: 49341155

## MEETINGS

### QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets  
9.30am, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of  
month

### Stitch and Chat Group

Meets 9.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month  
QCWA room.  
All welcome.  
Phone: 49345120

### Ridgelands P&C Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
every month  
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(Excludes other discount offers)

The Rockhampton Veterinary Clinic is actively involved and proudly  
supports Equestrian Clubs and organized events in the local district.  
We are behind you 100% in keeping your horses fit and healthy so you  
keep on bringing home the blue ribbons.

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## Anzac Day 2004

The Anzac Day Dawn Service at Alton Downs was a well attended affair at the memorial and the breakfast afterward. To have a well attended function is a reward within itself to the organisers and makes it all worth while. It also goes with out saying there are people to thank; Hugh & Joyce Chippendale, Jenny Reeve, Robyn O'Neill, Bob Barnes, Kitty & Skip Wren, Christine Ward, South Side United, Kev Weaver & Co Butchers and Dave Morrison, who keeps the hedges and garden nice and clean.

Thank you to Father Barrie Harvey, (who had to buy a fish finder, Peter would be ashamed), thanks to Bob Barnes who laid a Gallipoli Rose on behalf of the Capricornia R.S.L. Sub Branch and Sid Hoare who laid the wreath supplied by the Fitzroy Shire Council. Hopefully more people will join us for breakfast next year as the gold coin donation goes to helping maintain the memorial at Alton Downs.

Ron King O.A.M. President      Capricornia RSL Sub Branch

### COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY ADVERTISERS

We appreciate the support of our Community Business Directory Advertisers who are **directly responsible for making the printing of this newsletter a reality**. Please support *our community business directory advertisers and our newsletter sponsors*.

In an attempt to provide our CBD Advertisers with more coverage, we are trialling the inclusion of block ads at the bottom of each page of the Newsletter. We will continue to work through the Business Directory over the 6 months covered by each Directory.

The next Community Business Directory is due out at the end of June. We are appealing to any persons/businesses who may be interested in advertising in the directory to please contact 49341132 by the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. Cost for the 6 months is \$40 which includes the option of running any specials in our monthly newsletter free of charge.

### Wildlife Carers Needed – are you interested?

Rockhampton Wildlife Rescue, Education and Conservation Assoc. Inc (RWR) is a group of volunteers who work together to rehabilitate native wildlife back to their natural habitat.

Anyone wanting to care for native wildlife in Queensland must have a licence from Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) to do so. In order to be covered by a licence you must be a member of a recognised wildlife carer group (which has a group permit issued by Eccoaccess/QPWS) and have completed appropriate training. To get an individual licence carers need to satisfy a strict 'accreditation standard' set down by QPWS.

All animals cared for under a rehabilitation licence must be cared for according to the standards set down in the 'Code of Practice for the Care and Rehabilitation of Orphaned, Sick and Injured Protected Wildlife' and must be released to the wild. Any animal which cannot be released to the wild must be humanely euthanased by a vet.

RWR holds a series of training workshops (10am to 3pm on Sundays) throughout the year for anyone interested in learning more about caring for native wildlife. We will be holding our next basic training course soon. If you are interested please contact RWR on 0500 556 776 (all hours) to find out more information. Each workshop costs \$5 for members or \$10 for non members. Group membership costs \$20 each financial year. The group pays all veterinary costs but carers are responsible for food costs for each animal in their care.

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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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- ❖ For sponsorship of newsletter and enquiries, phone 49341132 or fax 49341076
- ❖ Postal Address: (Treasurer), Mrs Pat Watts, 459 Dalma Road, Ridgелands 4702.
- ❖ Email: [aroundtheridges@bigpond.com](mailto:aroundtheridges@bigpond.com)
- ❖ This newsletter needs the support of the community to succeed.  
Contributions and ideas are welcome.

**Oops!**

We apologise for any errors in this publication. They are unintentional and we hope there are not too many. Please keep in mind that this newsletter is produced by volunteers.

**General Information about "Around the Ridges and a Bit Beyond"**

- ❖ Let our sponsors know you learnt about them through "Around the Ridges"
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**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ridgелands Show**

**Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Starting 8.00am.**

**Nominations close for Stud Beef,**

**Fat Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats**

**May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Horse nominations ticket system on day.**

**Barbecue Friday night, 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**Featuring Dexter steaks.**

**Come and make a day of it at your show.**

**\*\*Working bee Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 9.00am\*\***