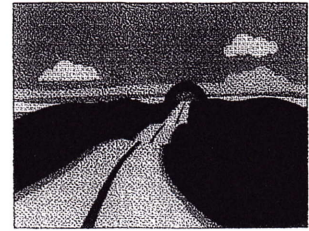


AROUND THE RIDGES

and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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Life is tough, and as Malcolm Frazer most famously said, "Life wasn't meant to be Easy."
And its not – all the time.

That's why it is important that we maintain a sense of humour, and be able to laugh at ourselves and not take too seriously all the smaller irritating day to day things that happen. Save your grief for the BIG ONE. As well as a sense of humour, it helps to have a positive view of things. I really believe that if you are positive and only think positive thoughts, and will things to happen positively, then most of the time they do.

Positive people generally make things happen. They organise, get on the phone, follow up, create, be proactive (I love these new words.) While negative people sit about and wait for something to fall in their lap, and it rarely does. Most times, when bad things happen, there is usually an upside, if you look hard enough for it.

Another thing that people do is let life pass them by, while they are waiting and wishing that things were different. Maybe if I had more, I would be happy. Maybe when I finish my study, I will be happy. Or when I retire, I will be happy. And so on...

Why wait? Why not be happy today, every day. Why postpone happiness until a certain event or time comes. These things may never happen. Each and every day, you will never see that day again – don't waste it waiting for other possibly unattainable goals and things to happen. They may never eventuate.

Ellen Cogill

This month's newsletter is our first family sponsorship. Our thanks go to Mrs. Shirley Greenup for the July Newsletter . If your family would like to support this newsletter but is unsure how...then be a family sponsor for one month for just \$50.

To the survivors:

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's probably shouldn't have survived. Our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.) As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a Ute on a warm day was always a special treat. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors! We shared one soft drink with four friends, and no-one actually died from this. We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always playing outside. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No mobile phones, unthinkable.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes! After running into the bushes a few times, we learned how to solve the problem.

We did not have Play stations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no cable TV, video tape movies, DVD's, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms. We had friends!

We went outside and found them. We fell out of trees, got cut arms and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not poke out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever. We rode bikes, walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them. Sports had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to deal with disappointment. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that! This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years has been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all...

So to all the people over 30, congratulations you have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and governments regulated our lives, for our own good.

DALMA SCHOOL NEWS

Children and parents from Dalma State School visited Westwood State School on Tuesday 8th June for a Cluster Day with Gogango, Westwood and Stanwell. The theme was Inventions and Simple Machines and there were many and varied activities for the children to become involved in.

Thanks to the staff and parents at Westwood for their big effort. We all enjoyed ourselves.

The Stanke Family cleaned up at The Caves Gymkhana at the weekend with many ribbons and trophies being brought home. Well done!

Lots of our children did very well at the Ridgelands Show.

Results are:

<u>Schoolwork:</u>	<u>Art</u>	Yr 1	Daniel Stanke 1 st
		Yr 5	Emma Stanke 1 st
		Yr 5	Tiana Cunningham 3 rd
	<u>Handwriting</u>	Yr 1	Daniel Stanke 2 nd
		Yr 5	Emma Stanke 3 rd

Juniors – All students contributed to various categories and collected many placing's.

Congratulations to All!!

P & C NEWS

The P & C would like to express a big Thank You to all volunteers who helped at our last Sausage Sizzle, which was a great success.

The P & C is holding another sausage Sizzle on Saturday 3rd July at Bunnings Hardware. Your support to this fundraising effort would be appreciated as we are using funds raised to take the school on a camp to North Keppel Island later in the year.

Cheers

Kerod Lindley

Acting Principal

Dalma State School

RIDGELANDS SCHOOL NEWS

This week has started at a great pace with a big presentation parade at the school and the International Day celebrations at the hall. We welcomed Mr Jim Pearce MLA to the school for the presentations for our first School Community Service Awards and our "once a term" Ridgelands' Redback Awards. Congratulations to the following Community Award winners. Mr Frank Witt, Mrs Judy Gimm, Mrs Jenny Reeve and Mrs Rhondda Ward. More information on their wards can be found in next month's newsletter.

Congratulations also to the following Ridgelands' Redback Awards winners for Term 2: Cassidy-Anne O'Halloran, Curtis Duff, Hannah Barlow, Jackson Sewell, Billy Brown, Holly-Jo Pye, Travis Duff and Joshua Humphrey

Congratulations also to our Redback Support Awards winners for Term 2: Rockhampton City Council – Travel sponsorship, Lisa Durkin and Tanya Flamank – Show Judges and Judy Gimm – Student council catering.

International Day at Ridgelands Hall went well with our Senior Girls playing "The Skyboat Song" on recorder accompanied by Mrs Whitehead on piano. A list of students' results for their projects can be found in next month's newsletter.

Mick Byrne

Tracy Hardy Photography Ph. 49228102	Wandal Post Office Ph. 49272101	Warrick Hale Saddlery Ph. 49341516	FISHCO Ph. 49220072
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Archery a fun family sport

Capricorn Field Archers was formed around ten years ago at the Waroula Road Sporting complex Alton Downs. Field archery is an affordable sport that all the family can enjoy regardless of age, gender or culture. The club meets nearly every Sunday where members gather to socialise, get some fresh country air, a little exercise, practice or just experience the fun sport of archery. Branch competitions are held once a month for anyone interested in competition that can also lead into state, national and world level competitions for people interested in a real challenge.

The Capricorn Field Archers annual competition was held on the 5th & 6th of June at the Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club grounds where a good attendance of 54 shooters gathered from all over Queensland. Our club members did extremely well with almost everyone receiving a trophy. This weekend was also the beginning of new regulations introduced to our association regarding new insurance and risk management policies. We are proud to announce that the facilities were highly commended and the shooting range was praised for its ease of accessibility and safety, but was still challenging and interesting. Thanks to Brenden Goerg (Range Captain) and Mark McFadzen (President and vice Range Captain) for their tireless effort in reorganising the course. This is often a major factor in enticing people into coming back to compete in the future events.

We would also like to thank the Alton Downs Polocrosse Club for catering for the weekend of the competition; this makes it easier for members to enjoy shooting and socialising. You know you don't have to be a Simon Fairweather (Olympic gold medallist 2000) or a Robin Hood to try archery. All you have to do is want to experience something different, a little challenging that is lots of fun, so come along and have a shot with the Capricorn Field Archers Sunday mornings. For more information contact: Karenne and Brenden Goerg on (07) 4934 5122 or Sharon and Mark McFadzen on (07) 49332832.

Alton Downs Polocrosse Team

On May 29th and 30th, we ventured South to Eidsvold to begin our Polocrosse season for 2004. Wearing the colours of Alton Downs, our team competed in the C Grade. We had a great time despite having one win and three losses. Our team was Paul O'Sullivan, Casey O'Sullivan, Danika O'Sullivan, Caroline Dodds, Katie Reeve and Chloe House.

Our Junior representatives of Zara O'Sullivan and Lachlan Dodds were more successful. They won the Junior Grade and Lachlan Dodds was awarded best and fairest Junior player. A huge thank you to the super talents of our support team of John Reeve, Mitch Reeve and Doug Dodds (who offered support when he wasn't commentating!)

The next few carnivals to test our talents will be at Bauhinia on the 19th and 20th of June, then at Calliope on the 26th and 27th June.

Carolyn Dodds.

You missed it!
Billy Slater's Sensational try on the
BIG SCREEN.
Join us for the final, sure to be exciting, State of Origin Match at the Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club Wednesday the 7th of July. Ph: 49341132
Nibbles, Food and Drinks available.

Burglar Busters
Ph. 49212107

EAGLE Investigation &
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Ph/Fax. 49269131
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Mob. 0419647772

Ridgелands Show News.

Another successful Show was held on Saturday 5th June, 2004. With some records broken. Stud beef Cattle numbers was a record, mainly due to us hosting a Dexter feature show with some studs coming from as far as Childers. Horse numbers were up with Barrel Racing and Cutting well supported. Eighteen Heavy horses were nominated and it was nice to see these beautiful animals which helped to pioneer the country in the early days, parade around.

Other sections with increased nominations were Home Brew, Poultry, School work and Fat Cattle.

It was sad to see the demise of the Dairy Section, when dairying was once the main industry of Ridgелands. The Show was a financial success and our next project is to get our museum building housing Fitzroy Shire memorabilia up and running.

I would like to thank all members, volunteers, stewards, judges and all helpers who made our show the success it was and next year will be just as good!

Rob Bishop, Chairman.

News Flash!

Councillors sighted at local show!

Children were delighted at the appearance of Councillor Garry Lynch at the Ridgелands Show. He provided hours of fun and excitement with his marvellous kites.

The catering committee appreciated the assistance of Deputy Mayor Ellen Smith and Councillor Sandra O'Brien in the canteen.

Councillor John Salmon is also a hard working member of the Show committee.

Our new Mayor John Hopkins and Councillor Christine Ward were also present. We thank them for their interest.

COOKERY SECTION

Due to numerous requests by our readers, we have introduced a new section. Thank you to Sharon McQuillan for supplying us with her prize winning Ridgелands Show Pumpkin Fruit Cake Recipe.

Pumpkin Fruit Cake.

1 cup butter or margarine
¾ cup castor sugar
grated orange rind
3 eggs
1 cup warm pumpkin (well mashed)
2 cups Self Raising flour
1 packet mixed fruit
1 tablespoon sherry or orange juice

Method.

Cream butter, sugar and orange rind.
Add eggs one at a time, then add pumpkin.
Next add fruit and flour.
Lastly, sherry or orange juice.
Bake in moderate oven (180) for 1 hour,
or until cooked.

ALPHA

The Anglican Parish of Wandal is about to present the ALPHA program. The ALPHA course originated in England about 25 years ago and has become a world-wide phenomenon, promoted by many different Christian denominations and traditions. It is a course about Christianity and consists of a series of talks over a period of 10 weeks - starting with one titled 'Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?' Other topics include questions such as 'Who is Jesus?' and 'Why and How do I pray?'

Each session runs for approximately 1 ½ hours and consists of sharing a meal or a cuppa, a video, and a group discussion.

A course will be held at St Luke's Church, Wandal commencing early August and, if there is sufficient interest, one could be held in due course at Ridgелands. For more details please contact Jenny Reeve on 49341132 or Peter Reynolds on 49273188 (w) or 49210593 (h).

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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.

Alton Downs Hall Committee

Dance on 17th July, 2004
Dance on 4th September 2004
Dance on 30th October 2004
and

Bowls second Saturday night
of each month.

Play Group

First Meeting of Play Group
Ridgeland State School
Wednesday 24th 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.
26th May, 16th June, 7th July.
Nibbles, food and drinks
available.
Enquiries: Paul 49341396

Dalma Recreation Club

Social night in July
Contact Gaven Connor
Ph. 49 345 919

Ridgeland Tennis Club

Championships - July 25th.
Expressions of interest to Sharon
Connor by July 17th. Ph: 49345919

NOTICES

Wanted to Buy

Second hand smooth-soled
Riding boots in good condition.
All sizes. Phone 49341056
Julie Paddison

Ironing

Done at my home. \$12/hr
Sharee Weier Phone: 49341320

Needed By Ridgeland

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

Wanted

Cleaning. Deep down clean
one day – every six weeks.
\$150 a day.
Please phone: 49341017

For Sale

Two warm dressy vinyl jackets
Men's medium size
One fleecy lined
Excellent condition \$15 each
Phone: 49341219

Wanted.

Good home for one big de-sexed
male 7 year old cat.
House trained with good manners.
Please Phone: Pat 49345543

MEETINGS

QCWA

Ridgeland Branch meets
9.30am, 1st Wednesday of
month

Stitch and Chat Group

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

Ridgeland P&C Meeting

2nd Wednesday
every month
Phone: 49345518

Ridgeland Show Meeting

Wednesday, 14.07.04
7.30 pm.
Agenda: Discuss livestock section
Visitors welcome

**If you take too long in
deciding what to do with
your life – you will find
that you have done it.**

**Love reduced friction to
a fraction.**



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SUNDAY JULY 11TH
9:00AM START
REANEY ST, NORTH ROCKHAMPTON
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VARIOUS AGE GROUPS
FLAG, BEND, SPORTING FIGURE OF 8,
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KERRY TAMBLYN 49341149
TAMMY LANG 49348362**

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Fax. 49271768
Mob. 0419024897

Peter Lawton Veterinary
Service
23 Gladstone Rd
Ph. 49273688

Rockhampton Veterinary
Clinic
Dr. Alister Rodgers
Ph. 49284266

QCWA Ridgeland
Branch. 9.30am
1st Wednesday of month

Jenkinson Contractors

ABN 98727363595
"Moonlight"
Glenroy Road
MORINISH QLD 4702

0419662289
0429662289

PRICE LIST FOR LABOUR HIRE (cutting of fence posts and rails) CLIENT SUPPLYING MATERIAL

SIZE OF POST	COST	GST	EXT COST (EACH)
6FT 6IN	3.79	.38	4.17
7FT 6IN	4.00	.40	4.40
8FT 6IN	4.45	.45	4.90
9FT 6IN	4.90	.49	5.39

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7"6 X 5IN (post)	6.75	.68	7.43
8FT X 4IN (stay)	12.00	1.20	13.20
11FT X OPEN (rail)	30.00	3.00	33.00

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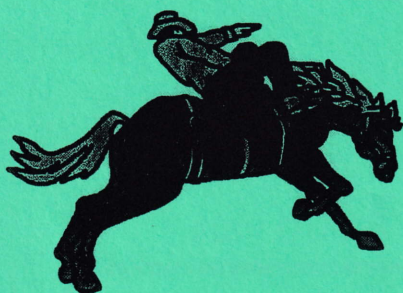
BULLS, BRONCS n BARRELS

FRIDAY 16 JULY 2004

START 6.30 PM

CRCA AFFILIATED

ALTON DOWNS POLOCROSSE GROUNDS



\$1000

Open Bull Ride

\$ 500

Rookie Bull Ride

\$ 300

Junior Bull Ride

\$ 500

Saddle Bronc Ride

\$ 300

Bare Back Ride

\$ 500

Ladies Barrel Race

\$ 100

Junior Barrel Race

Little Britches Barrel Race



Featuring

Spannagle Bros Bull Fighting Clowns

Announcer Randall Spann

Stallion Service Auction

Music till late with Mick Jenson

CRCA Central Entries
49271916 by 6 July 2004



Further information

Graham Iker 4934 1135

Shane Iker 4934 1605

Alton Downs Polocrosse Carnival
Saturday, 17 July and Sunday, 18 July
Commencing 8.30 am

Gracemere Water Shed
28 O'Shanesy St.
Glen Ryan
Ph. 49331555

McCracken's Water
Services – Peter Hunt
Ph. 49223680
Mob. 0418799680

Stitch & Chat Group
9.30am 2nd & 4th Tues.
ph. 49345120

Alton Downs Polocrosse
& Sports Club.
Fri 6-10pm
Ph. 49341604



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President: Tom Bartlem
Secretary: Carol Reid

ALTON DOWNS POLOCROSSE CARNIVAL

Featuring
MEN'S CHUKKA CHAMPIONSHIPS

17 & 18 JULY

Starting: Saturday 8:30 am
Sunday 8:00 am

**Men's Chukka Championship
A B C Grade Team Competition
Juniors / Subjuniors Competition**

Friday Night

- ◆ Bulls, Broncs & Barrel Rodeo
- ◆ Music by Mick Jensen
- ◆ Bar & BBQ
- ◆ Stallion Service Auction

Saturday Night

- ◆ 3 Course Roast Meal
- ◆ Music by Mick Jensen

Breakfast, Hot Food and Bar available

® Player Ambulance Fee \$10

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4934 1124**

Laurie's Auto Electrics 55 Archer St. Ph. 49221195 Mob. 0407756046	Richard Thomson Property & Livestock Ph. 49271308 Mob. 0438345928	Battery Word Power for anything Ph. 131760	Alton Downs Boarding Kennels & Cattery Ph. 49341365 Mob. 0419734854
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