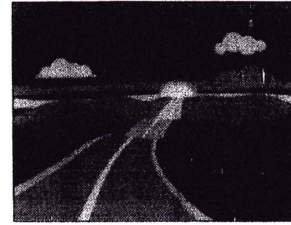


AROUND THE RIDGES

and a bit beyond



Issue 15 October, 2004.

A community and school newsletter.

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CQ Mudsportz.

CQ Mudsportz has been a racing club since 1996. We are a friendly club and welcome new families and members to join us. Racers are as young as 10yrs old, who are our juniors but they work their way up through other classes such as Standard, Buggies and Top Gun. Juniors being the newest and possibly the most popular class. Besides racing our mud cars we have a fulfilling social club as well. CQ Mudsportz members travel to other clubs all over the place to compete.

Our events are held 6 times a year (4 night events and 2 day events) at Kabra Motorsport Park.

2004 Coming Events: 3rd October
27th November.

Michelle Shepherd

Mud Chic

Hi! My name is "Mud Chic". I am a 1967 Datsun 1000, 2 door coupe with a steel roll cage and fibre glass racing seats, 2 sets of 4 point harnesses (seat belts) and 4 tractor tyres which give me traction in the mud. My owner, 13 year old Kaycee Hodgon, drives me very fast in the mud over at Kabra, in the Junior Class.

We get very dirty but we love it. We race on a figure eight track with two jumps and I love to fly over the jumps. Kaycee's dad recently rebuilt my engine to make me go faster. My roof number is the shape of a shark fin with the number 91. I'm blue and yellow with Goodyear as my sponsor. When Kaycee and I race all the Goodyear staff come along with their marquee and cheer us along. We raced in Sarina early in September. Bye for now.

GO THE MUD CHIC.

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As a former Ridgeland's girl (Brooke Dawson from Garnant) I was delighted to have the opportunity to sponsor this month's newsletter.

My husband (Chris) and I started our own health and nutrition business just over 6 months ago as Independent Herbalife Distributors. We market a comprehensive range of nutritional products and supplements for good health and weight management together with a full compliment of anti-aging products for all skin types. We have the backing of the world's leading manufacturer in this industry giving us

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As a special promotion for the readers of this newsletter we are offering a 10% discount off our entire product range for the next two months or a \$50 reduction off our work from home start up pack.

Yours in good health
Brooke and Chris Dalley
elucidate

DALMA SCHOOL NEWS

The children from Dalma State School spent four days on North Keppel Island recently as part of their Science and Study of Society program. They were camped at the Department of Education's Environment Centre and were involved in many and varied educational activities.

One of the highlights of the trip was the close encounter with a Dugong. The children will remember this for a long while.

On Thursday 9th September we visited Westwood SS for a Mini Olympics Cluster Day. Quite a few of our students gained placings in the mock-up events.

Brett Estreich went to Sarina the other day for some mud racing and was placed third in the 10-17yrs section. Well done!

Have a good holiday!

P & C NEWS

The P & C are still selling tickets in a Raffle, the prize being a 3-night stay for 2 Adults and 2 Children on Great Keppel Island including ferry transfers. A community BYO BBQ will be held at the school on 29th October where the raffle will be drawn. All Welcome.

Cheers

Kerod Lindley, Acting Principal
Dalma State School

RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL

The last month has been an extremely busy one for the school. The students have competed in the Rockhampton Inter-school Athletics carnival and staff, parents and students participated in the Triennial School Review. Ms Lynne Foley, our District Director, and Mr Stephen Foley from the District management team recently visited the school in order to complete the verification process for this review. My thanks to the following people who gave up their time to participate in the meeting and for their valuable input:

Michelle Osborne; Lyn Foxwell; Judy Gimm; Judy Stanke; Patricia Ruddick; Peter Ramm; Anna Reeve and Jack Ward. Both Lynne and Steve were very impressed with the results of the review and with the teamwork that was evident within the school and the community. She was also impressed with the way Anna and Jack represented the students and with their views.

We have also been very pleased to be informed that our stage 1 application for the P & C permanent water project to the "Smart Schools' Subsidy Scheme" has been accepted and will now progress to an application for stage 2. If stage 2 is accepted and approved, the funding will be available for the project in the 2004/2005 financial year.

My congratulations to our Ridgeland's Redback Award recipients for term 3. Lachlan Hunt, Mitch Reeve, Ashley Boon, Mikayla Munro, Kym Barney and Rachel Sewell received the awards. The students were presented with their awards by our "Adopt-A-Cop," Constable Mark Lewer. He was very impressed with our students' abilities and behaviour and intends to visit us again early next term.

Recipients of Redback "Thank You"s were Roger Croser and Tamara Gimm.

P & C "Thank You" certificates were also presented by executive members Shelley Osborne and Tricia Ruddick to the following people, and community groups who have contributed to the school this term – Simon Ruddick, Tony Jamieson of the Lionleigh Hotel, Peter Hunt, the Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club, Beckman's Panel Works, the Hillcrest Private Hospital, Lea Taylor, Rocky High Dancers, Maurie & Sharyn McQuillan, Rockhampton Table Tennis Association, Jacana Bushdancers, Wayne Jones, the Rockhampton City Council and Sarah Lawton.

Congratulations also to Jackson Sewell and Jacqui Fossett who were awarded prizes in the CWA International Day Regional competition. They were presented with them on parade by Mrs Joyce Chippendale, on behalf of the CWA. Their work now goes to State level for judging.

All recipients were treated to a great morning tea after the parade, thanks to Judy Gimm and her tuckshop helpers..

McCracken's Water Services – Peter Hunt Ph. 49223680 Mob. 0418 799 680	QCWA Ridgeland's Branch. 9.30am 1 st Wednesday of month	Stitch & Chat Group 9.30am 2 nd & 4 th Tues. Ph.49345120	Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club. Fri 6-10pm Ph. 49341604
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- The year 3/4 expo was a great success. The work done by the students was of a very high standard and was remarked upon by many of the visitors. Congratulations to Mr Hull, Mrs Ruddick and all the students on a really great effort. This week sees the end of Mr Hull's internship at the school. He has worked very well with the students and the staff and will be missed. We wish him all the best in his future teaching career. Have a great, safe holiday.

Regards
Mick Byrne

Ridgелands State School, Equestrian Team 2004

Ridgелands State School Equestrian Team is currently gearing up for two more equestrian events to finish the year.

Daniel and Holly-Jo Pye are looking forward to the Queensland Inter-School Association State Championships to be held in Warwick from 1st to 3rd October. They will be competing in Dressage, Show Horse, Combine Training and Show Jumping. This event is organised by the Equestrian Federation Australia and it is the first year that Ridgелands State School has been represented at any Queensland Inter-School Association events.

A team of fourteen (14) Ridgелand riders will be represented at the Horseland Open School Teams Challenge to be hosted by the Alton Downs Pony Club. Some events include barrel race, rider class, bending, running tee, key hole and so on. In 2003 and 2001 the Ridgелands team won the 'high point primary school' competition.

Congratulations !

Daniel and Holly-Jo Pye competed at the recent Queensland Inter School Equestrian Association Inc. State Eventing Championships. Both students performed at a high standard with Holly-Jo winning second place and Daniel awarded fourth place in the Primary Junior Introductory. This is an outstanding effort with both students representing Ridgелands State School whilst competing against 33 Queensland riders and schools.

CQ MUDSPORTZ NEWS

Mud racing over the past 3 years has been limited to Kabra as there has not been any other Twin Track venues in this region. The opening of the Roma track at Easter saw some members travel for racing. On the 4th September 2004, Sarina held their 1st Charity Drags Challenge (similar to twin track but without mounds) which saw half of the competitors coming from C Q Mudsports club. There were a variety of classes from Juniors, Standards, Buggy's, Bombs and Top Gun classes and also Motor Bikes and 4 wheelers competing. The weekend was great and the results were:

- Juniors: 1st Zaaron Titmarsh of Gracemere driving Tity's Little Esky.
 2nd Kaycee Hodgon of Alton Downs driving Mud Chic
 3rd Brett Estreich of Dalma driving Dirt Digger
 4th Suzanne Shepherd of Ridgелands driving Ridgелands Redback
 5th Brendon McCallum of Rockhampton driving Gadget

Junior ages range from 10-16yrs. Well done to all those junior.

Stephen Wedel and Michael Titmarsh took their Top Gun class cars up for a very close demonstration challenge. These cars are pulling 500-600 hp and running N20 (Nitrous Oxide). C Q Mudsports members appreciate the opportunity and the challenge of travelling to other tracks. Our next event is a day meet on Sunday 3rd October commencing at 9am to 4pm at the mud track behind the Kabra Hotel. As we are a very social club we hope spectators would like to stay and meet some of our racers over a drink or two after racing. Club contact no 49362981 Shane Titmarsh.

Margo Estreich

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Jokes

If quitters never win,
And winners never quit, then
Who is the fool who said,
"Quit while you're head"?
#What do you give a sick pig?
#What do you call a travelling
Flea?

An Itch-hiker
Oinkment

Ridgelands Show News

The AGM last month saw the election of the following office bearers;
Chairman: Rob Bishop
Deputy Chairmen: Ken Stewart, Pat Pointing
Secretary: Michelle Rose
Treasurer: Angela Nicholas
Patroness: Margaret Stewart

News Flash: The building to house the Fitzroy Shire memorabilia is now finished. We will soon be setting up display counters.

Council Comment

It is great to have some good news of the Shire. We have stuck *GOLD*, yes, *ANNA MEARES* - 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist. Since Anna was recognised as being from Gracemere, we have been receiving a lot of hits on the WEB site at the office. Well done, Anna!

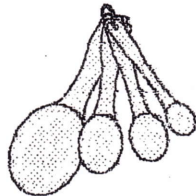
To some not so good news – the State Government is putting pressure on local Councils across Queensland to charge for domestic water. There is a Discussion Paper out from the Dept of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy – closing date 30th September 2004. Yes, once again there isn't a lot of time to reply to the submission. I urge you to go and pick up a copy of this paper, look through it and have your say. The State Government has had this on the table since July 1994 and Council received the paper in August 2004. So if you are a DOMESTIC user of water the State Government will be charging you for your water.

Councillor John Salmon.

COOKERY SECTION

Marshmallow logs

250g Crushed Malt Biscuits
100g packet glace cherries, chopped
100g packet small marshmallows
400g tin condensed milk
½ cup desiccated coconut



1. In a large mixing bowl, combine the malt biscuits, glace cherries, marshmallows and condensed milk. Mix to a soft, not sticky, consistency.
2. Sprinkle a foil sheet with half of the coconut and place half the mixture onto the foil. Roll the foil around the log, smoothing as you go. Using more foil, repeat with remaining mixture and coconut. Chill until the logs are required.
3. Cut logs into thick even slices, to serve. You can store unused portions in the refrigerator for up to one week.

This easy slice is a must for any day of the year. It's simple to make and can be served for afternoon teas, special occasions or even just as a lunchbox treat. Time required 15 min, plus chilling time. Makes about 30 slices.

Margo Estreich

THE AUTOMATIC SHOP

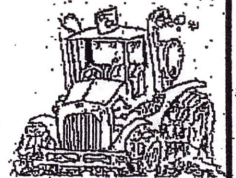
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WHAT'S ON

Alton Downs Hall Committee
Dance on 30th October 2004
and

Bowls second Saturday night
of each month.

Play Group

First Meeting of Play Group
Ridglands 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

DATE CLAIMER

Alton Downs Polocrosse
& Sports Club Christmas
Party
4th December 2004

Congratulations!

To Nadia Peterson and Tom Bartlem
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Sunday 24 October

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49345518

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*Everyone has a
gift but some
never find it.*

MEETINGS

QCWA

Ridglands 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

Ridglands P&C Meeting

2nd Wednesday
every month
Phone: 49345518

Ridglands Show Meeting

Wednesday, 13.10.04
7.30 pm.
Agenda: 2005 Show
Visitors welcome

Condolences
to Roger Croser
whose Mother passed
away in Adelaide.

We extend our
Sympathy
to the Perry Family
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Noel Perry.

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Polocrosse State Titles 2004

On Wednesday, 1st of September, the Alton Downs Devils began their journey south to the home of the infamous Melon festivals and centre of Queensland's polocrosse life for three days of hard, fast, non-stop polocrosse. After a good six-hour truck ride, the team reached the small country town of Chinchilla and set up home for the next five days. With Mr. Reeve in charge of the fire, Matt handling the kids and the junior's feeding the horses; the show was on the road.

The junior team were pumped and hot to go, out to show those southerners what we had. Stuart Bentley, Lachlan Dodds, Katie Reeve, Casey O'Sullivan, Danica O'Sullivan and Chloe House completed our dedicated team, coached by the top dogs; Alec and Bryce. We were placed in the Junior C Grade competition. Our first game, against Gold Coast II, was electrifying as we managed to rise considerably above our opponent. From there the real competition began as we anxiously rode up against St George. After a tough thirty-six minutes, we were defeated by four goals. Our final game was a true test of skill as we played Warwick while the sun set across the dusty fields. Even though victory was unsuccessful on the scoreboard, we all felt we could not have played a better game of polocrosse.

The senior team was placed in the Senior A Grade competition. Alec Reid, Paul O'Sullivan, Matt Reid, Craig Roberts, Craig Reid and Leath Vaughn made up the team. Bryce Jackson sadly had to take the bench and out due to a pregnancy was Tom Bartlem. This gang of athletic, handsome, young men nervously rode out with braided tails and high hopes, only to be defeated by Wondoan 1. Their second game against Gold Coast also saw the men come out second. Finally victory was achieved against the young guns from Tara, as the boys taught them a trick or two. This win placed the men in the B Grade Beaten Teams final against Samford where they were successful in reaching the stars.

This weekend would not have been possible without the support and guidance of all our supporters. Many thanks goes to the hard working wives and mothers who follow us around, making our lunches and washing our whites. Until next season, thank-you to every one who supported our club and best wishes to all.

By Casey O'Sullivan

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Alton Downs Sports & Polocrosse Club

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When: Saturday 30th October 2004

Where: Alton Downs Sports & Polocrosse Grounds

What: Rural Car Boot Sale

Do you have any items lying around you would like to convert to cash. Spare gear that you never use. Book a site and bring your goods to the Car Boot Sale.

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Time: 09.30 am

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The Woman's Prayer

Dear Lord,

So far today, I am doing alright.

*I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been
greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self indulgent.*

*I have not whined, bitched, cursed, or eaten
any chocolate.*

I have not charged on my credit card.

*However, I am going to get out of bed in a few
minutes, and I will need a lot more help after that.*

Amen.

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