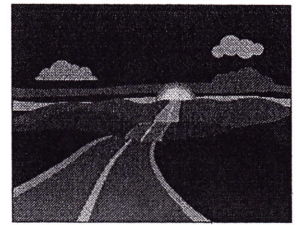


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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Ridgelands Show News.

We are now gearing up for our 24th Annual Show. Some new events include a Brute Ute competition. There are five classes covering most types of utes.

We have invited all the Primary Schools in the Fitzroy Shire to participate in a new look event – “Showcasing”, giving them the opportunity to exhibit their work in a non – competitive environment. Show jumping is back after a break of several years with seven events for juniors and seniors. There are eleven QISEA events and winners may be eligible to qualify for the State Championships.

The usual attractions of Side Shows and old machinery will be on display.

In the past year we have been successful in getting funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund of \$1760 to purchase a Gerney for cleaning, and five room dividers to exhibit school work.

Our offer to spend \$6500 - \$7000 to upgrade the water supply to a reliable level was scrapped.

The Museum building is complete and memorabilia from the 2003 Fitzroy Shire Northern Division Centenary celebrations will be displayed after the Show.

Our horse steward for about 20 years, Mr Noel Connor has retired to the beach. Happy Retirement Noel and Sandra.

Our Show has steadily grown over the years due to the hard working and dedicated committee with the help of many volunteers and support from the community.

We are looking forward to events such as a book launch of the history of Ridgelands and Morinish Districts.

Programmes are available at Ridgelands State School and Wandal Road Convenience Store.

See you on 04.06.05.

Book Launch

at the Ridgelands Show from 10.00 a.m. 4th June, 2005.

“Morinish Echoes from the Past”

By Author Dennis Leah

A brief history of Morinish and District

Goldfields Schools Railways

Personalities & Incidents

1860's Poetry

This newsletter sponsored by: **Family Sponsorship Fay and Mick Ogden.**

Fay's Horse Reflections

Riding as a partnership. The horse lends you his strength, speed and grace which are greater than yours. For your part you give him your guidance, intelligence and understanding which are greater than his. Together you can achieve a richness that alone neither can.

Ridgелands School News

Congratulations to the students and staff on organising a very good ANZAC DAY Ceremony. I have received a number of very complementary reports about it from Mr Ron King from the RSL and others. We would also like to thank Mr King for his assistance in providing a memorial and giving the "Address." A "well done" also to Andrew Hunt and Travis Duff who represented and laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the Alton Downs' Dawn Service.

Congratulations to Mrs Paddison, our school equestrian team and their parents and helpers on a great effort at the Horseland Australia competition. Against some very strong competition they won the "March Past" and came third in the events in the primary school section. It was an outstanding result for a small school.

Congratulations also to our Maths Team Challenge members, Travis Duff, Andrew Hunt, Casey Hopkins, Kayla Whitehead and Cameron Milner on coming second in the small schools' category recently. They also proved their excellent estimating skills by beating all comers to guess the number of lollies in the jar.

From July 2005, Education Queensland will undergo a change. This change, called regionalisation, is designed to help improve the delivery of education and corporate services to schools. Currently, the department is made up of 36 Districts. Under the new system there will be 10 regions, each led by a Regional Executive Director. The regions will be made up of 26 education districts led by Executive Directors (Schools). Schools will continue to be clustered into education districts, but there will be new district boundaries. Rockhampton District will be absorbed into two new districts, "Central Coast" and "Central Queensland." Ridgелands will become a part of the "Central Queensland" District in the new "Fitzroy-Central West Qld" Region.

The following information on the "**Prep**" year commencing in 2007 may be of interest.

From 2007, State, Catholic and Independent schools in Queensland will offer a non-compulsory, full-time preparatory year.

From 2008, the compulsory school starting age will increase by six months.

Children must be six by 30 June in the year they enrol in Year 1. Now, children can start Year 1 if they turn six any time during that year.

However, the preparatory year is non-compulsory and is not a requirement before children begin Year 1.

Children born on or after 1 January 2002 will be eligible for the new preparatory year of schooling in 2007 before enrolling in Year 1.

They will need to be five by 30 June in the year they start in the preparatory class.

Birthdate:	Eligible for Prep Year in:	Eligible for Year 1 in:
Child born 1 Jan 2001 to 31 Dec 2001	*	2007
Child born 1 Jan 2002 to 30 June 2002	2007	2008
Child born 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003	2008	2009
Child born 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004	2009	2010
Child born 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005	2010	2011

- Children born between 1 January and 31 December 2001, including those who complete preschool in 2006, will enrol in Year 1 in 2007.

More information is available at the school or on Education Queensland's website.

Regards, Mick Byrne Principal

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The Ridgeland State School P & C News

You are invited to the Ridgeland State School P & C Fundraising Dinner & Trivia Night.

Date: Friday July 8th, 2005

Time: 6:30pm till late

Place: Brothers Leagues Club, Gilbert Room

Cost: \$25 per adult (pre-sold)

Buffet meal - soup, 3 roast meats, 3 veges, 6 salads, dinner rolls, 4 desserts, tea & coffee and dinner mints.

Children's buffet meal prices - W/3yrs FREE, 3 -10yrs \$12.50, 11yrs/ over \$25

Children's menu meals also available @ \$6.60 + free ice-cream (numbers required, pay on the night)

* RSVP & Payment: Wednesday July 6th. Monies must be received with order.

The Ridgeland State School is also conducting a Supa Slice Drive fundraiser for Term 2. Please help make this fundraiser a success by placing an order with any one of the school families or the school office.

Orders need to be returned to school by Friday June 10th.

Prices range from \$3.50 to \$7.00 per 700g.

Around the Ridges and a bit beyond!
**Community
Business Directory**
July 2004 to June 2005
Welcome to our third Community Business Directory. This Directory will cover 12 months - any short term advertising can be done in our 'Around the Ridges' Newsletter.
Distribution: Pink Lily, Dalma, Nine Mile, Alton Downs, Ridgeland, Gamant, South Yaamba and Mornish.
☺ ~Please keep by your phone at all times~ ☺

Twelve months has past since we started preparing the CBD for 2004/2005. We can't thank these advertisers enough because they are the reason we are able to print this newsletter each month.

We are again seeking your support for the 2005/2006 CBD. If you know of any businesses who may be interested in supporting our district and our newsletter could you please ask them to phone 49341132 before 1st June.

This Week's Proverb
**All your ways may be
pure in your own eyes,
but the Lord weighs the
spirit.** Proverbs 16:2

Congratulations to Stewart Bentley and The Rockhampton Grammar School Rowers who came home with three Gold, one Bronze and who were over-all Championship winners at the State Rowing Competition in Bundaberg recently.

JOKES!!

Doctor, doctor, I've got jelly in one ear and custard in the other.
Don't worry; you're just a trifle deaf.

Doctor, doctor, I think I'm invisible!
Who said that?

Doctor, doctor, my hair keeps falling out. Can you give me something to keep it in?
How about this plastic bag?

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ANZAC DAY 2005

This year is the ninetieth anniversary of the landing by Commonwealth forces at ANZAC Cove on the 25th April 1915.

The 2005 Alton Downs & Combined Districts Dawn Service was attended by an ever increasing crowd of observers keen to show that those that served in past conflicts are still remembered nor will they be forgotten.

The Catafalque guard was again posted by the 11th Light Horse Rockhampton Memorial Troop Inc. Their presentation and drill was impeccable as ever.

Colonel Mick Byrne was Guest Speaker this year, his address was well received.

This years Master of Ceremonies was Skip Wren who kept the program flowing and on schedule.

Dennis Illot again honored the service by playing the Last Post and Reveille.

Father Barrie Harvey conducted the Special Service which was well received.

Piper this year was Craig Thomson who upheld the high standard of his fellow Band members.

I wish to take this opportunity as President to give a special thank you to donors, catering staff and all workers who continue to make the Dawn Service an enjoyable success.

Hugh Chippendale

Alton Downs Hall Centenary Celebrations

The Alton Downs Hall Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone for making our centenary celebrations such a memorable occasion. We were overwhelmed with the attendance of so many past and present community residents and have received nothing but positive feedback about the event. The talk is that it would be great if we could make this an annual event.

The committee would like to acknowledge our sponsors and helpers of the event, without whom the evening would not of been so enjoyable or prosperous. So huge thank-you's to our:

Gold Sponsors:

Simon Ruddick – Spotless	Peter Hunt – McCracken's Water Services
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Carl Stanke – Stanke Electrics	Geoff & Margo Estreich – Bobcat & Truck Hire
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Jim Pearce – Federal Member	John Hopkins – Fitzroy Shire Council
Margaret Strelow – Rockhampton City Council	Robert Murray – Go Farm
Brian Dawson – Auctioneer	Col Gough - Butcher
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Special Thanks to our volunteer helpers:

Coordinator -	Simon Ruddick
Entertainers -	Tamara Bull and Lee Taylor
Bar -	Mick McAlister and Geoff Estreich
Cooks -	Kevin and Jason Rosenberg, Adam Bull
Kitchen Staff -	Dianne Bull, Jenny Reeve, Edna Forsma, Sharon Hunt, Rhonda Kime, Tricia and Stephanie Ruddick, Anna Reeve, Rachel Sewell and Margo Estreich.

Once again thanks to everyone who came along and made our special day so memorable.

Regards,

Alton Downs Hall Committee

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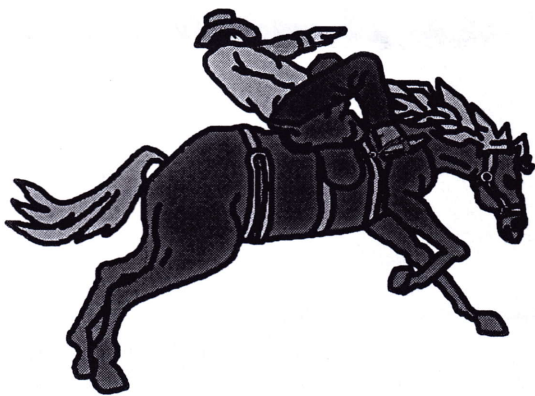
BULLS, BRONCS n BARRELS

SATURDAY, 4 JUNE 2005

START 5.30 PM

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ALTON DOWNS POLOCROSSE GROUNDS



- \$1000 Open Bull Ride
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- Little Britches Barrel Race
- Poddy Ride

Spannagle Bros Bull Fighting Clowns
Music till late with Mick Jenson



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Alton Downs Polocrosse Carnival
Saturday, 4 June and Sunday, 5 June

WHAT'S ON

Rhee-Tae-Kwan-Do

At Alton Downs Polocrosse
and Sports Club
Tuesday nights, 6.30pm
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International Day Luncheon

Knitting and Crochet
Floral Art Competition
at Ridgelsands Hall
6th June, 10.00am

Creative Memories Workshop

Scrapbooking Workshops to be
held at the North Rocky Bowls
Club 1st Tuesday and 3rd Sunday
of every month. Dates for local
workshops held at the Dalma
School to be advised.
Please contact Margo Eistreich
Ph 49345958

Date Claimer

National Party Ridgelsands Branch
are holding a barbecue and
auction
17th July 2005
12 Noon.
At Alton Downs Hall.

Pre Wedding Party

For Lynda Chippendale
At the Ridgelsands QCWA Hall
on Saturday 30th July 2005
at 1.30 p.m.

NOTICES

Ridgelsands Show Programmes

Available at Ridgelsands State
School and Wandal Road
Convenience Store.

MEETINGS

QCWA

Ridgelsands 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

Ridgelsands P&C Meeting

2nd Wednesday
every month
Phone: 49345518

Ridgelsands Show Meeting


Wednesday 13th July, 2005
7.30pm
Visitors welcome

Ridgelsands Show

Working Bee

28.05.2005
8.00 am.

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Let's get together
for a cancer-free future

Ridgelsands State School is hosting a
"Biggest Morning Tea"
on Wednesday 25th May at 11.00 a.m.

Please bring a plate and some coins.
There will be a raffle with prizes donated by
Wandal Fruit Barn
and more to come.

ON THE BIG SCREEN

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I have learned that children and grandparents are natural allies

Council Comment

Hello to everyone. Well we have been very busy this last couple of months with the town planning, amalgamation and boundary changes, and not least State Government on NRM.

In our last meeting we had an application for more allotments in the Gracemere area. As you are all aware by now we are going through a boom which is taking up a lot of time in our meetings. Some people have asked if they can have a say in some of these developments. Yes you can, if there is a development board on the boundary of the proposed block for a development, people can go to council and ask for the council conditions and you can put in an objection. If it is to have a condition on the application, council can request it of the developer. So have a say in your community. Don't Johnny come late and complain, you do have a say.

If you read the papers you will see that Councillor Jim Webber has been talking about Amalgamation. It is of concern as the minister for Local Government is saying there will be some forced amalgamations. In council we have talked about this a lot and we would like your point of view. I would also like you to ring your local member and tell them what you want. It feels like the State Government is going to do what they want. Some of our council members are going to Brisbane to a conference to see how we can take charge of our future. The conference is called Size, Shape and Sustainability. We hope we will find out about what is driving the government for change and to see what we can do to help us in our shire. We have been told to be the drivers so we get what we want for our communities or State Government will do it for us.

In the past four weeks I have received Three Papers on Natural Resources. I hope it went to all land holders. The paper is asking you to have your say on NRM matters. How they can improve their products and services to landholders. Then I received a paper from the Queensland Government on future community engagement in Regional natural resource management.

This discussion paper was prepared and promoted to seek community engagement in NRM issues. But the paper says, (the paper does not seek to assess the current regional NRM systems or analyse the strengths and weaknesses). There are a number of submissions in the paper.

The discussion paper asks about the different types of Options. The paper asks us to discuss the best way to manage our resources with various groups, eg local government, regional groups and community groups (Landcare). There are various talking points in the paper for all to look at. Please all have a look. www.regionalnrm.qld.au

Councillor John Salmon

Morinish Landcare

Our group had a great day at Joan Black's place with cakes, scones and lovely people. Thankyou to the visitors who came for the day. Ruth Anderson from Greening Australia came to talk about the Vegetation Incentives Program. We had Mick Alexanda there to talk about his new Business, and the ways he can help landholders.

I talked about regional approach to the grants from Fitzroy River Catchment Group. How the sub catchment like Louisa Creek Catchment is and how we could apply for a grant. Planning and property mapping, Pasture management, Salinity, Rivers, creeks, and wetlands, and weed control are some of the focus on-ground works.

Sub Catchments are known as Neighbourhood Catchments, which are defined by geographic areas. Hills and mountains are used as natural boundaries. The program is there to help individual's manage the natural resources on their land. Working together as a collective to have a greater impact on the environment to achieve greater results and address the natural resource management issues.

For more information contact John Salmon or Chantelle James Catchment Field Officer on 49210524/ cjames@frcc.org.au

Our next meeting is on the 25th May 2005 at Mr and Mrs Richards Property Morinish Rd.

President

John Salmon

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COOKERY CORNER

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cup of self raising flour
- 1 cup of cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon *cinnamon*
- 375g butter, softened
- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla essence
- 6 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons instant coffee powder
- 3 tablespoons hot water
- 1 cup buttermilk

Method

Preheat the oven to 180C and butter a 28cm non-stick, spring form cake tin, lining the base with baking paper. Mix together the flour, cocoa, cinnamon and set aside. Cream the butter and sugar together with the vanilla and beat until the mixture is thick and light. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. In a jug, mix together the coffee powder with the hot water then add the buttermilk. Using a wooden spoon or spatula, mix half the flour and buttermilk mixture into the creamed egg/sugar mixture and combine gently. Add the remaining flour and buttermilk mixtures and mix again. Pour the batter into the prepared cake tin and bake for 55 minutes, until firm on top and 'bouncy' when you gently press the surface. Allow to cool then remove from the tin.

To make the icing, simmer together the cream, cinnamon and coffee powder then pour this hot mixture over the grated chocolate. Allow to sit for a few minutes then stir gently to combine. Allow to cool. When cool, spread the icing over the top of the cake then chill. For the glaze, place the chopped chocolate, butter and corn syrup in a bowl over simmering water and mix until smooth. Allow to cool a little then gently drizzle over the icing, covering it entirely. Chill the cake then allow coming to room temperature before serving.

For the Icing:

- 200g light chocolate, grated
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup of thick *cream*
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee powder

For the Glaze:

- 150g dark chocolate, chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup

