

Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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Please Note: Cut off date for contributions 15th of every month.

**An Invitation is extended to all members of the Community
to attend the opening
of**

**The O'Sullivan Watson Memorial Museum
on 22nd October at 4.00pm.**

Followed by afternoon tea and a barbecue.

Motorbikes and Leather.

The next time that you see a bunch of leather –clad bikers out on the street, give them a wave, and it's a pretty good bet that he or she will return the favour, accompanied by a huge smile and a friendly greeting. We are members of a social organisation called the Ulysses Group, with a membership of approximately 23,000 people. We all share a common interest, Motorbikes. Preferring to be called Bikers instead of Bikies, our members are made up of the over 40's age group with our oldest member, Mr Mutt being 92 years of age and still riding his beloved motorcycle. We do a lot of fundraising for charitable organisations such as the Salvation Army and the Arthritis Foundation, with the big event each year being our Christmas Toy Run which raises money for these organisations through sponsorship from local businesses, etc. These events can be quite large with anything up to a thousand bikes thundering down the street in some areas.

Our membership is made up of men and women just like your mum and dad, grandmother and grandfather who come from all walks of life including doctors, lawyers, school teachers, farmers, labourers, etc. We regularly go on social outings where the main criteria is fine coffee, a good chat and a good ride. Once a year a lot of our group embark upon a pilgrimage to some pre-selected destination for our AGM. These AGMs are very well attended and of huge benefit to the community with our 2004 week- long AGM being held in Mudgee, NSW, with an attendance of 5,000 members and an injection of approximately \$10,000,000 into the community.

So the next time you see a motorcycle coming down the road, offer them a wave, it could be your mum decked out in her finest leather and astride her brand new Harley Davidson.

Stay upright,

From another old Ulyssian,

Jeff Elliott.

“Grow Old Disgracefully”!

**This newsletter is a family sponsorship.
Our thanks to Mrs Shirley Greenup**

Ridgелands School News

There has certainly been a lot happening at Ridgелands School since the last newsletter. My thanks and congratulations to Mrs Ruddick on the great job she did as principal during that time that I was on leave. Congratulations and thanks to all those who made the School's "Country Fair" a great success as well.

Our water project is even closer to completion after many volunteers laid the pipeline to the school over the holidays. The storage tanks have also been delivered and emplaced and all the piping in the school grounds has been installed. This is a great achievement and our thanks are extended to all those who have helped so far.

All students are pleased to have commenced swimming lessons at the Cresso pool, especially during the hot weather. Summer inter-school sport commenced this Term for cricket, tee-ball and softball.

Good luck to Kym Barney who has been selected to go to Brisbane to represent Capricornia Region in the State Softball Trials.

Grades 5, 6 and 7 students visited the "Parliamentary Sitting" in Rockhampton recently. They all agreed it was an interesting experience.

Grades 5, 6 and 7 will be visiting the North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre from Wed 23 Nov to Fri 25 Nov this term. This camp is an excellent educational opportunity for the students as this centre is unique, in that it is the only educational facility in Australia which

- Is situated on a National Park island
- Houses one of Australia's largest stand alone alternative energy systems, and
- Utilises and demonstrates a range of water and energy efficient products and processes.

Look out for students wearing our new Alton Downs sports shirts in the next few weeks. They are embroidered with our new "Alton Downs" logo.

We are now taking enrolments for pre-school and other classes for next year. You can see from our advertisement in this issue that students at Ridgелands get the same or better opportunities for a good education than students at Rockhampton schools, with the benefits of a friendly, small school environment. Please feel free to contact the school to discuss the educational opportunities available to your child here at Ridgелands.

Regards, Mick Byrne Principal

There are no hopeless situations: there are only men who have grown hopeless about them.
Clare Booth Luce (1903-1987)
American playwright

CAMP for ACTIVE KIDS

Active Kids Rockhampton is on again!

The Active Kids Rockhampton 2006 Sport and Recreation Camp will be held from 16th - 20th January 2006 at Central Queensland University, Rockhampton. 2006 looks to be bigger and better, with more sport and recreation groups coming on board, bigger numbers expected and an early bird discount!

The inaugural Active Kids Rockhampton, a 5 day energy packed camp in January of this year before School commenced was an enormous success, with over 40 x ten - twelve year olds getting the best of Central Queensland's sport and recreation. Development Officers and Recreation Leaders from across CQ joined forces to provide qualified activity sessions ranging from basketball, soccer and athletics to linedancing, taebo and swimming.

Central Queensland University students play a major role in Active Kids, with student teachers and Industry Practicum students from the School of Health & Human Performance forming the Project Team and Camp Captains for the Camp. This group of motivated students are already immersed in preparations for the 2006 camp. The most up to date information on Active Kids Rockhampton can be found on via our School Website (http://www.ahs.cqu.edu.au/hhp/active_kids.htm) including information about the Active Kids Project Team and registration forms. Additionally, for 2006 we will be offering an early bird discount for families who register by Friday 25 November 2005 - so make sure you get in early and spread the word to other families to do the same!

For more information about Active Kids Rockhampton, please contact Alex Bright on 49309814 or email a.bright@cqu.edu.au

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Dalma State School News

BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL

Today to help christen our newly-acquired products from Breville, as seen in the Morning Bulletin photo last Thursday, Dalma State School invited community members, students and parents to breakfast at school on Thursday 13 October, 2005 with food served at 8:00am. On the menu was toast, bacon and eggs, mushrooms, tomatoes, milkshakes, english muffins and spreads. We appreciated the help with the cooking, serving and cleaning. Kids thought it was wonderful and look forward to doing this again.

Garden Contest Results

The recent Fitzroy Shire garden contest saw Dalma State School rewarded with an encouragement award, a voucher for \$25 from Gracemere Hardware Store.

Thanks to all those community members who have been helping to keep our plants alive and the grounds look good in this time of drought.

New TV Show wants our Children Seen and Heard!

What are the questions your children want answered?
Why do animals have tails?
What is the ozone layer?
Who invented football?
What is the coolest fashion for summer?



children's show
year.
would like to learn and

Channel Nine Queensland is producing an innovative new called 'The Shak' which is due to air nationally early next The show is dedicated to having children decide what they being involved in the way they learn.

The call is now out for children aged 5-14 years to send in their own questions to the show's presenters and have the chance to be on television.

Children can submit their questions and suggestions by mail, email or video.

School groups are also encouraged to submit story ideas about their initiatives – they could be promoted on the *The Shak* and reach an audience throughout Australia.

All ideas can be emailed to theshak@nine.com.au

Your Framed Family Portrait for only \$10

RULE 1: MINIMUM OF 2 GENERATIONS
IN FAMILY PORTRAIT
(Children must be photographed with parents)

(VALUED AT \$110.00)

RULE 2: NO PERSON CAN APPEAR TWICE
IN THE FRAMED FAMILY PORTRAIT.

Please help

Ridgeland State School

Fundraising efforts on Friday, 21 October 2005

Additional photos available as part of our New Pack! Including: Bookmarks, Christmas Cards and Calendar all featuring your Family Portrait.

PLEASE PASS ON THE SECOND VOUCHER TO ANOTHER FAMILY

Please return your voucher and payment as soon as possible to **Lynne Foxwell**

Or contact me on **4934 5518 or 4934 1415** to book your photographic session.

Thank you

Water Cartage G.Iker Ph. 49341135	Wandal Movie World DVD/Video Rental Ph. 49210866	Bobcat & Truck Hire Geoff Estreich Ph. 49345958 Mob. 0418 799 890	Greg Thompson Excavator hire with Bobcat & truck Ph. 49345587 Mob. 0407 156 662
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Ridgeland State School provides a warm environment, in which children can discover, explore and grow intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically at their own level of development, thus ensuring a high quality education that makes a positive difference to their lives.

43 Dalma – Ridgeland Rd
Ridgeland Qld 4702
Phone: 49345518 Fax: 49345565

Home of the Ridgeland
Redbacks



Large school opportunities in a small school environment.

Curriculum

Our high quality curriculum provides opportunities for students from pre-school to Year 7 to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will equip them as lifelong learners.

Computer/ student ratio of less than 1:3.

Arts

Our “Signing” and “Singing” choirs perform at school and community events.

Sport

Our equestrian team participates at local regional and state events.

Our students participate in cricket, softball, rugby league, soccer, tennis, netball, athletics and swimming in the Rockhampton competition.



Ridgeland School 2004 Champion Equestrian Team

COOKERY CORNER

COCONUT ROUGH SLICE

- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 125g butter, melted
- ¼ cup caster sugar
- ½ cup desiccated coconut
- Topping**
- 1 cup icing sugar mixture
- 1 tablespoon cocoa powder
- 75g butter, melted
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 2 tablespoons milk

Grease a 19cm × 29cm rectangular slice pan. Line base and sides with baking paper.

Sift flour into a bowl. Add melted butter, sugar and coconut; mix well. Press mixture into prepared pan.

Cook in a moderate oven, 180°C, until golden brown.

Topping. Sift icing sugar mixture and cocoa into a bowl; add the remaining ingredients; mix well.

Spread topping over hot slice. Allow to cool, refrigerate until set, cut to required portions.

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WHAT'S ON

Rhee-Tae-Kwan-Do

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

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 Claimers.

Christmas Tree at Alton Downs
Polocrosse and Sports Club
3rd December, 2005. More details
next month.

Christmas Barbecue.

At Ridgelands Hall
17th December, 2005.
More details next month.

NOTICES

Birth Notice

Honor: To Boyd and Glenda
(nee Hanrahan)
A daughter – Holly Rose
7lbs 7ozs 3-10-05
Sister to Ryan and Emily.

Congratulations

To Ruth and Peter Barton on
becoming Grandparents.
Megan was born on 28th
September 2005 to their daughter
Susan and Son in law Robert
Davey. 9lb 14oz

Ironing

Sally Cowen
Phone: 49 34 13 74

For Sale

Ironbark Posts cut to order.
Fence, yard, shed, house stumps,
strainers, rails, stays and blocks,
etc.
Also rosewood strainers
Phone: 49 34 12 09

MEETINGS

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.
Phone: 49345120

Ridgelands P&C Meeting

2nd Tuesday
every month
Phone: 49345518

Ridgelands Show Meeting

Wednesday 9th November, 2005
7.30pm, Showgrounds.
Visitors welcome

*Junk is something you
throw away three weeks
before you need it.*

COREY COWEN
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Yards and stables
160 Black Gin Creek Road,
Alton Downs
Please Phone 49341374

Helen Ferguson

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FOR AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE PHONE
49 341 191 – MON-FRI AFTER 6PM
OR 0418 156 553 – SAT & SUN.

The Ridgelands & District Rodeo & Show Association
is presently repairing and renewing part of the rodeo yard complex.

Our thanks go to the
Gambling Community Benefit Fund
for supporting this project.

Showdown Rugs
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Fax. 49341012
Mob. 0438 341 361

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Ph. 49221088
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John and Todd Lynch
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Hot/Cold Shoeing
Ph: 49341231
Mob: 0407 170 652

Ridgелands Hall News.

The AGM of the Ridgелands Hal Committee Inc., held recently, saw a new look executive emerge. Ken Stewart retired as Chairman after 30 years in the position, and Kevin Watts retired from the position of secretary, after 25 years service.

Election of Office Bearers resulted in the following:

Chairman: Robert Chippendale

Vice Chairman: Robert White

Secretary: Dave MacAuley

Treasurer: Kay Milner

Bookings to be made with Kay Milner on 49345137.

Welcome to our new Chairman and Secretary and many thanks to Ken and Kevin for their many years of dedication to the Hall Committee.

Also worthy of acknowledgement is Neville Milner's contribution to the Hall as Treasurer from 1974 until 2003.

Council Comment

To the Shire Residents.

Well, exciting times are ahead. We started with Young's Bridge last month being opened on 20th September at a cost of approximately \$300,000. A few of the local residents, working staff and all the councillors were there to see the opening. I would like to say a big thankyou to the Ridgелands CWA for a beautiful morning tea. Fitzroy Shire Council was the first to use crew pile technology system on this bridge. A screw pile was used instead of drilling into the creek bed, the screw pile was screwed into the bed of the creek without disturbing any soil around the footings.

Australia Day Awards are coming up and if you have anyone in mind you can pick up your nomination forms from the Council office. Nominations close on 30th December 2005, so get in early.

It is Dingo pup season again and if you are interested in baiting programme please contact council on 49 31 54 00 and talk to the Ranger. Also with a few showers around please be on the look out for weeds, as these are the first to grow and should not be allowed to get out of hand. By law you must make reasonable efforts to control the weeds on your land.

The Macarthur Coal Coke Project has been on the minds of a lot of people and we have not heard if or when it will happen, but fingers crossed it won't be long. We have approved a lot of developments which have started to create a few problems for our staff. Some of the challenges we are facing are the water and sewerage in our planning areas but we are starting to plan to meet the extra load on the staff.

I had some feed back and all is welcome on all matters, so feel free to call me on 49345128/0429345163
Councillor John Salmon.

Landcare News.

Our Landcare day was great. Warren Williams from EPA and Chantell from FRCC explained and showed us how to use GPS. It was a hot day and most of it was spent under cover at the Ridgелands Show Grounds. FRCC has announced the new catchment to be receiving funding in the Fitzroy Catchment. It is the West and Northern parts of the Shire. There will be two introductory days to show people how it will operate. You can go to the parthenium Nursery at Neerkol on the 5th November or the 19th November at Mr Rutherford's at Morinish. Rain is coming and with that it brings weeds so be ready. If you don't know your weeds ask. Council is only too happy to help or ask someone that might know.

President

John Salmon.

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RSL News

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- Unlimited Downloads
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see website. <http://www.tadaustconnect.org.au>

WORLD WAR 11 MEDALLION.

If you know a WW11 veteran and you would like to honour his or her service claims can still be made. To be eligible a person must have served in the war, or be the widow/er of someone who served.

<ore details phone 1300665706

Avenue of Honour Project 1915-2015

This project aims to document, preserve and restore trees planted to honour servicemen and women in the last century in addition to planting new ones in time for the centenary of the Anzac in 2015.

If you have any information about memorial trees in your district (such as the avenue of trees on Lakes Creek Rd) please contact the project via website www.avenuesofhonour.org Or call me

Jill Fry RSL Pension Officer and Advocate pH 49227747

Lest We Forget

A generous man will prosper:
he who refreshes others will
himself be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

***Middle age is when broadness of the
mind and narrowness of the waist
change places.***

***Be careful what rut you choose. You
may be in it for the rest of your life.***

An Aesop Fable

The Sour Grapes

A hungry fox went into a vineyard where there were fine ripe grapes.

Unfortunately for him, the grapes were growing on a trellis so high up that he was not able to reach them.

“Oh, well, never mind!” said the fox.

“Anyone can have them for all I care. They are sure to be sour.”

People often pretend to dislike things that they are not able to get.

jokes

Did you hear about the man who didn't clean his glasses?

He gave people dirty looks.

How can you talk to a fish?

Drop it a line.

Why did the crab go to jail?

Because it was always pinching things.

What do you call two robbers?

A pair of nickers.

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