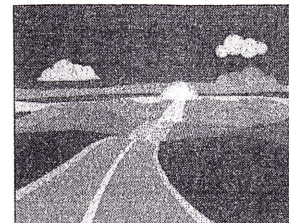


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

OFFICIAL OPENING of RIDGELANDS MUSEUM

On Saturday 22nd October 2005 the Ridgeland and District Sporting and Agricultural Association held the official opening of the Sullivan Watson Museum.

Many invited guests, visitors, past and present local residents enjoyed the official proceedings and a tasty afternoon tea.

Rob Bishop, Ken Stewart, John Hopkins, Jenny Reeve and Sharon Rae all gave short, informative speeches.

Speech topics included being enlightened as to the origin of the project, the background of the building itself and its previous role - that of a broadcasting box at the Rocky Show Grounds. The mayor of Fitzroy Shire noted that this is the only museum in the Shire and congratulated Jenny Reeve (particularly) and the show association on its endeavours to carry this project through to fruition. Jenny (the backbone behind this endeavour) compiled all the display in its present form with some unique methods being used. Jenny also spoke to the gathering, giving a delightful and entertaining speech telling how the items, after being exhibited at the Centennial celebrations at Alton Downs, were then able to be displayed in this museum. Of course, Jenny was quick to acknowledge the fantastic support from Graphics 'R Us and also Ken and Margaret Stewart for their many hours of support in "hanging" the display.

Sharon Rae and Kerrod Watson were invited as official guests along with their families.

Sharon had researched and prepared a written background of the Sullivan and Watson Family trees which Rob Bishop read to the gathering.

Sharon spoke on behalf of her brother Kerrod and their late brother Darryl, giving a brief account of their parents' background, their community contributions and their own families.

Many people expressed the opinion that it was a great afternoon and the museum was well presented and interesting. All seemed to be glad to chat, catch - up and re-visit the past with old friends.

The evening finished with a licensed BBO.

Julann Chippendale

This article was written by Julann Chippendale for publication in the monthly Community Newsletter.

Julann has been a resident of Ridgeland and a valued community member for the last twenty-six years.

DALMA SCHOOL UPDATE

The end of term is fast approaching and with only four weeks to go it seems as if there are too many events and jobs to pack into such a short time.

Breakup Day will be the final day for Miss Danielle Pascoe who has been working with us since June. We thank Danielle for her help and wish her well for the future.

At the moment, it looks as if Mrs Nugent will be back with us for the start of 2006 so Sharon will revert to her job as teacher's aide. It has been a steep learning curve for Sharon, stepping into a different role which is something Education Queensland encourages, and I fully appreciate her skills, versatility and professionalism.

As parents are aware, submissions have been made to prepare our facilities for Prep in 2007. It seems like a long way off, but by the time the building has been completed, I am sure that another school year will be almost finished.

As these plans include a carport-like structure adjacent to the tennis court, we will be encouraging local residents to make use of it for family or social occasions.

Remember 2006 is the last year preschool will be offered in Queensland, after that all schools must offer the Preparatory year which is not compulsory, but it may affect when your children can actually enrol in Year 1.

Older children are also facing changes in learning, with middle phase initiatives for years 4-9, targeting strategies to involve all these children in greater contact with high schools and taking into account the differences in the ways these children learn. Hopefully, such moves will help to keep all children tuned in to learning and allow a wider scope for interaction between schools.

Some people are not yet aware that the school leaving age has been reviewed and students under the age of 17 are now required to be "earning or learning".

How will this effect Dalma School?

We will be using High school students to help build our web page and provide technical support and there will be more opportunities for work experience and traineeship tasks.

Aussie Culture

Children across the Cluster have been studying different aspects of culture from countries around the world. So for Melbourne Cup Day, we decided to look at a typical Aussie event and how our learning areas influenced the real-life event.

From fashion and table manners to mass in Maths, topics covered showed how lifestyles enable people to celebrate the same event from different perspectives. Even the foods served showed the diversity that makes Australia what it is today.

Thanks go to the cooks who helped prepare such a feast at such short notice.

There was no shortage of well-mannered children lining up for seconds.



Majestic hats, fine foods and fascinating company

Dalma P & C News

Some children will be joining the Cluster group to sing carols at the Lions Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December 5:00 to 9:00pm. P & C decided against using this as a fundraiser.

School photos have been taken, so keep an eye out for photos of your niece, nephew or grandchildren as they will be sent home soon.

End of year break-up will be by children's choice. They are researching ideas now, and a decision will be reached soon.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th December 3:15pm

Kerry Anderson

Traditional Dalma Community Christmas Event.

Dalma Rec. News - Please remember to mark your calendar for the annual community Christmas celebrations at the Dalma Hall.

When: Sunday 11th December

Time: Commence 4:00pm; Tea 6:00pm; Santa 7:30pm (Bring your own present)

BYO: Hot Dish & Sweets to Share, Drinks, Plates & Cutlery

Contact Narelle Hinz 4934 5931 for more info.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAST STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

RHS Sarah Anderson – Yr 8 Top 10 Academic

Kelsie West – Yr 9 Top 10 Academic

Sports Awards – Netball & Horsesports

Jodie-Ellen West – Yr 11 Senior Health

Sports Awards – Touch football & Horsesports

Stacie Rixon – Yr 12 Excellence in Agriculture

Jacita Pritchard – Yr 12 Top 5 Academic; Business Communication & Technologies; Accounting.

TCC Rhys Cunningham – Yr 10 Business

Cassandra Stanke – Yr 10 Physical Education

Academic Excellence

Erica Ward – Yr 10 Academic Excellence; English,

Maths B; Science; Japanese.

Jack Ward – Yr 8 Japanese

Anna Reeve – Yr 8 Industrial Technology & Design, Academic Excellence

Scott Harney – Yr 9 English

Kerrod Hjortshoj – Yr 9 Art

CHRISTMAS PUDDING TRUFFLES

1×800g dark fruit cake, chopped

2 tablespoons rum

½ cup desiccated coconut

150g dark chocolate, melted

1×180g white cooking chocolate, melted

**Glazed cherries or lolly snakes, chopped,
to decorate**

Process fruit cake until finely crumbled.

Stir in rum, coconut and dark chocolate.

Using your hands mix until combined.

Roll level tablespoons of mixture into

balls; place on baking paper-lined tray.

Refrigerate balls while preparing topping.

**Spoon warm white chocolate over top of
puddings; decorate with cherries or lollies.**

*Merry Christmas to all the good cooks, and to all those who
enjoy good cooking.*

From your resident recipe reporter.

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Ridgelands State School News

Congratulations to our Equestrian Team who competed in the Interschool Gymkhana at the Alton Downs Pony Club Grounds recently. The team was successful in winning the March Past once again, this being 3 years running. Congratulations also to Mrs Paddison who successfully co-ordinates, fundraises and organises the uniforms of the students each year.

The School concert is set for Wednesday 07 Dec. It should be another memorable event so keep the night free.

The school recently thanked Simon Ruddick and "Spotless" for the donation of a "Used" Kabota Tractor Mower to the school. It is a great asset.

We also thanked the following who have been helping with our infant swimming classes on Thursdays: Lynne Foxwell, Kate Perrin-Dunne, Kelli Tomkins, Cameron Dunne and Margaret Fletcher.

Thank you to Judy Stanke and Judy Gimm for selecting and delivering the \$1000 worth of Breville appliances won by the school recently. These will make working in the tuckshop quicker and easier. Thank you also to all the families and friends who collected tokens to make this win possible.

The P & C is currently applying to provide "School Age Care" in "after school" hours in 2006. If you would be interested in using this service please contact the school. If you know any families whose children do not attend this school but would be interested in sending their children here to access this service please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

We are now taking enrolments for pre-school and other classes for next year. If you know anyone who may be thinking of enrolling here next year (or even if they are not), please encourage them to contact the school for a prospectus or a visit.

Our grade 5, 6 and 7 students are looking forward to going to North Keppel Island for our school camp from the 23rd to the 25th November, where they will be attending the North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre (NKIEEC).

This centre is unique in that it is the only educational facility in Australia which

- Is situated on a National Park Island
- Is totally surrounded by the waters of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area
- Houses one of Australia's largest stand alone alternative energy systems
- Utilises and demonstrates a range of water and energy efficient products and processes

While there, students will participate in a number of educational and social activities including:

- Introductory snorkelling
- Swimming
- Initiative games
- Outrigging
- Orienteering
- Alternative energy discussions and site visit
- Campfire activities
- Plankton trawl and microscope study.

Recently also, Ian Johnston visited the school and spoke to the students about being Water Wise. The students discussed water usage, water efficiency and the catchment area of the Fitzroy River. This was a very interesting and worthwhile visit.

The school is currently taking orders for a fundraising pie drive. These need to be returned to school by November 17th. Thank you to Lynne Foxwell for the organization.

On Nov 22 our swimming team competes at the Rockhampton Inter-school Swimming Carnival at the Southside Pool. We wish them the best of luck.

Our Alton Downs summer sport trophy day will be held on Friday 02 December. At this stage it will be held at the Crescent Lagoon pool and involve trophy presentations, a BBQ and a swim.

Our Ridgelands Redback award parade will now be held on Tuesday 06 December at 9:00am.

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The Fitzroy Shire Bursary Awards will be conducted at the Gracemere Community Hall, Barry Street, between 1:00 and 2:30pm on Wednesday 30 November. These are open to current year 7 students who live in Fitzroy Shire.

Our Regional Director, Ms Lynne Foley stated at our last business meeting that a school's performance could be rated by what the students' opinions said of it. I am very pleased to say that our students this year in their opinion surveys rated the school in the highest satisfaction category for all questions. This can only be achieved through the great work and efforts of all the staff, parents and the students themselves, and I would like to personally thank everyone involved in such a great result.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire community for their support of our school during the year and wish you all a happy and safe Christmas holiday.

Regards
Mick Byrne

Media Release



Issued: 11/11/05

Information Workshops for Landholders.

Have you ever wanted to find out more about local land management practices, legislation or production issues without all the hassle and expense?

Do you know all you would like to know about fire management, new water and vegetation legislation, how to best manage your pastures, weeds and vegetation on your land?

Greening Australia Queensland, Fitzroy River Coastal Catchments and a number of other local groups and agencies are offering a series of short half to one day workshops for landholders on topical issues throughout the local area as part of a practical on farm training program to help fill this shortfall in information.

This program is designed to offer landholders access to cost effective, relevant and qualified advice on the basics of land management to increase production efficiencies and reduce any negative impacts from production activities.

Whether you operate a commercial grazing or horticulture enterprise or use your land for recreation, these workshops are relevant to you and material can be prepared for special interest groups or topics if required.

Greening Australia Queensland will begin running these workshops in the area in the near future.

If you would like to find out more information about these workshops and the topics to be covered or to register for a workshop, please contact Helen Peachey at Greening Australia Queensland on (07) 4923 7541 or email hpeachey@qld.greeningaustralia.org.au

For more information, contact: Helen Peachey Greening Australia Queensland (Inc.)

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State Pony Club Championships

On the 16, 17 and 18th of September, Alton Downs Pony Club families traveled to the town of Taroom to compete in the State Sporting, Campdraft and Mounted games Championships. Emma Stanke placed 6th overall out of 46 competitors and Matthew Stanke placed 7th overall out of 41 competitors. The highlight for us was the Junior Alton Downs Mounted Games team placing 3rd overall out of 27 teams. The team consisted of Natalie Tamblyn, Scott Spreadborough, Kyle, Sarah and Emma Stanke.

Senior Mounted games team placed 3rd overall out of 7 teams. Their team consisted of Jason and Chantelle Rosenberg, Tahlee Hind, Christie Smith and Anthony Neil.

Chantelle was also placed overall in the Campdraft. An enjoyable time was had by all, except for the 90km wind gusts and the numerous amounts of prickles on the ground.

Clyde Stanke

Fitzroy Nurseries Open 7 days 8am-5pm Fruit trees/ Ornamentals Ph. 49272388 Fax. 49223203	MS & SM McQuillan Paining Contractor Ph. 49345560 Mob. 0407 272 224	Doghouse on Wandal Pet Grooming Salon Shop 5, 10 Wandal Road Ph/Fax. 49275077	PJ's PET BARN Open 7 Days 399 Yaamba Road Nth Rockhampton Ph. 49280299
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WHAT'S ON

Rhee-Tae-Kwan-Do

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

Christmas Barbecue.

At Ridgелands Hall
6.00pm, 17th December, 2005.

New Years Eve Celebration

Alton Downs Polocrosse Grounds

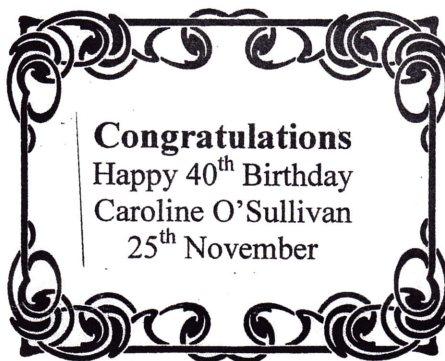
NOTICES

Congratulations

**To Cameron Milner for
winning the CRCA Junior
Barrel Racing Incentive Award
for 2005.**

Ironing

Sally Cowen
Phone: 49 34 13 74



Congratulations

Happy 40th Birthday
Caroline O'Sullivan
25th November

Motto for New Year

by John Wesley

To do all the good I can,
by all the means I can,
in all the ways I can,
in all the places I can,
to all the people I can,
as long as ever I can.

MEETINGS

QCWA

Ridgелands 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

Ridgелands P&C Meeting

2nd Tuesday
every month
Phone: 49345518

Ridgелands Show Meeting

Wednesday 14th Dec. 2005
7.30pm, Showgrounds.
Visitors welcome

Garnant Fire Brigade Meeting

21st Nov 2005
Ridgелands Hall 7.30pm

Helen Ferguson

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Ridgелands Hall News.

Licensed Christmas Barbecue and Music
in aid of Ridgелands Hall Funds
Lollies & Novelties for the Children from Santa.
Raffles for the grown – ups.

Saturday, 17th December, commencing 6.00pm at the Ridgелands Hall.

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Alton Downs Polocrosse and
Sports Club

Christmas Party
3rd December 2005

Fun Games begin at 5pm.

Bring the Kids to see Santa Clause at 7:30pm.

Dinner at 6:30pm.

Followed by Carols by Candlelight.

Christmas Presents for the Kids.



New Years Eve Party
31st December

- Live Entertainment
- Bar
- BBQ
- Fireworks on the Big Screen

Date Claimer

Australia Day Celebrations

26th January 2006

For further information please contact:

Alex or Carol Reid 49341124

Paul O'Sullivan 49341396

Jannah Hopper 49341078

2005 is quickly drawing to a close . We wish everyone a cherished Christmas with much love, understanding and tolerance. We look forward to lots of involvement by our community members in the 2006 Around the Ridges Newsletter. Could all contributions for the February issue please be posted to Jenny Reeve at 42 Boys Rd, Alton Downs 4702 by the 15th JANUARY 2006.

jokes

Why is the sky so high?

So birds won't bump their head.

What's a frog's favourite drink?

Croaka Cola.

A New Year's Blessing

May you have
 Enough happiness to keep you smiling,
 Enough trials to keep you strong,
 Enough sorrow to keep you human,
 Enough hope to keep you happy,
 Enough failure to keep you humble,
 Enough success to keep you eager,
 Enough friends to give you comfort,
 Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
 And enough faith to start each new day with the goodness of God.

THE RIDGELANDS AND DISTRICT SPORTING AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION INC

wish to thank the Fitzroy Shire Council and The Stanwell Power Station Community Grants Program for the funding to build display cabinets for the O'Sullivan Watson Memorial Museum located at the Ridgeland Showgrounds.

Thank you to the advertisers for 2005/2006 who have supported the newsletter, the Ridgeland State School and the students.

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2005 Ridgeland SS Tennis Tournament



A Grade Championship

Travis Duff defeated Kayla Whitehead 6 - 0

Boys Singles

A Grade Travis Duff defeated Luke Ruddick 6 - 3

B Grade Nathan Thompson defeated Cameron Milner 6 - 0

Girls Singles

A Grade Kayla Whitehead defeated Holly-Jo Pye 6 - 0

B Grade Casey Hopkins defeated Naomi Pierce 6 - 3

Boys Doubles

A Grade Andrew Hunt & Jordan Thompson defeated Travis Duff & Kym Barney 6 - 4

B Grade Kym Barney & Ethan Dodds defeated Nathan Thompson & Mitch Reeve 6 - 2

Girls Doubles

A Grade Kelly Shepherd & Kayla Whitehead defeated Megan Humphrey & Holly-Jo Pye 6 - 1

B Grade Casey Hopkins & Georgia Keily defeated Rhianon Turner & Jessie O'Sullivan 6 - 4

Mixed Doubles

A Grade Travis Duff & Megan Humphrey defeated Luke Ruddick & Kelly Shepherd 6 - 2

B Grade Ashley Boon & Jessie O'Sullivan defeated Kelly Shepherd & Kyle Barney 6 - 2

Trophies, medallions and participation certificates will be presented on Tuesday December 6th at the Redback Awards Parade.



Congratulations to everyone who participated. The level of competition was outstanding. I would also like to thank all the students who assisted with umpiring, scoring and being a ball-person throughout the tournament.

Tricia Ruddick

SUNBEAM CHRISTMAS PUDDING.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups fresh breadcrumbs (about 8 slices)
- 200g Sunbeam dried apricots, chopped
- 200g Sunbeam seeded raisins, chopped
- 200g Sunbeam sultanas
- 250g packet Amaretti biscuits, crushed
- 125g almond slivers
- 1 medium apple, grated
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons ground cardamon
- 2 teaspoons mixed spice
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup port
- Juice and rind from 1 large orange
- 1/4 cup lime or orange marmalade

Place breadcrumbs, fruit, crushed biscuits, almonds, apple and spices into a large mixing bowl. Combine using wooden spoon. In a bowl whisk eggs, port, juice, rind and marmalade until well combined.

Pour egg mixture over breadcrumb mixture and stir until dry ingredients are completely moistened. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and stand over night or a least three hours.

Brush an 8 cup capacity pudding basin with melted butter and line base with a round of baking paper. Cover with foil firmly and place basin on trivet or saucer in a large pan. Add enough hot water to come one third of the way up the side of basin. Cover with tight fitting lid and boil for three hours. Preserving bottles can also be used, using pan and same method.

Remove the pudding from the water and allow it to cool. When the pudding is completely cold, wrap it tightly in plastic and place in an airtight container. The pudding can be stored for up to six weeks if kept in the refrigerator.

Before serving return pudding to the greased basin, cover and cook as before for a further 30 minutes.



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.

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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.

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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.