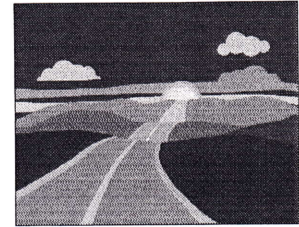


# Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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## OUR ENGLISH HOLIDAY

Well, it was quite an honour to be asked to write something of our recent holiday to England and Denmark. Considering that neither Philip nor I have traveled too far from home, it was a life changing experience. The original purpose of our trip was to visit Jessica in Denmark, and then we decided to split the holiday between England and Denmark. We left Australia at 4 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> October and arrived in London at 6am on the 5<sup>th</sup> even though we traveled for something like 24 hours. It was very exciting to be landing at Heathrow Airport, especially after watching programmes like AIRPORT on TV and knowing just how many people pass through there. Considering the huge population of England we imagined there to be only small sections of open countryside but after seeing the housing, and how cramped and close together everyone lives, nothing at all like home. The excitement when I saw the first thatched roof homes, castles and cathedrals, then after awhile they just become the norm and it's "not another castle". We had 3 days in London, a must, as my sister is law insisted, staying in Kensington only a short walk to Hyde Park and Kensington Palace, Earls Court, numerous museums and Harrods of London. It was like being part of a huge Monopoly Game and we were the counters, stopping at places like Trafalgher Square, Regent Street, Piccadilly Square, Kingscross Station although there was NO Free Parking and NO Get out of Jail Free. We saw Berkley Square (the old Vera Lynn war song "Nightingales Sang In Berkley Square), St Pauls Cathedral and the Tower of London and traveling over London Bridge in an open top Double decker bus and had a cruise on the Thames, I had to pinch myself occasionally just to make sure it was real and not a dream. We then hired a mobile home for a week and toured from London up the west coast of England into Wales then up into Scotland as far north as Perth then back to Edinburgh through the middle of England back to Surrey to drop off our hire vehicle. With the equivalent to an RACQ Road Map but it was a book, we found it reasonably easy to find our way around even though there were times when we drove around a roundabout twice to make sure where we had to branch off. We had lots of laughs and share lots of memories, traveled a couple of thousand kilometers and walked nearly that far as well. We soon discovered that caravan parks were no where near as plentiful over there as they are in Australia. It seems that the Brits plan their holidays around where the caravan parks are located but for us it was a different tale. We found ourselves staying a night or two at truck stops and once at a shopping centre carpark all part of the fun. Some of the places we stopped over Bath, Llangollen (Wales), Perth (Scotland), Berwick on Tyne, Oxford it was all a wonderful experience for which we are glad to have had. The weather was fine for most of the time although no sun, it was cold in Scotland and raining but we were told it was being a mild autumn, lucky for us. The countryside was beautiful and green, (quite a change from Alton Downs) while the leaves on the trees were showing the signs of autumn yellows, reds and bronze colours. Stone and hedge fences, beautiful old stone bridges, fast flowing creeks and rivers just what you'd see on Getaway, all that you can imagine but much more. I could go on and on but Jenny asked for ½ a page, we plan to go back again in a couple of years time.

We left London on 14<sup>th</sup> October to fly over to Copenhagen, Denmark and the beginning to yet another wonderful experience. But that's another story.

Robyn O'Neill

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## Ridgелands School News.

Welcome back to another busy year. However the really good news is that the P & C's permanent water Project is now virtually complete. On Saturday the first water from the river was pumped up to the school. This historic activity is the culmination of many years of hard work by the P & C and community members, including selecting and maintaining a clear goal, planning, fundraising, coordinating support, and the construction of the facilities. The final tasks now are to fix some minor leaks, test and ensure the irrigation system is working, and the ceremonial "wetting of the head".

We are planning an "Opening Ceremony" for the middle of March with a Saturday date to be confirmed. This will depend on the availability of the Minister. This will be a community event and we hope as many people as possible can attend.

Our day 8 enrolments were recorded at 76. This is the magic number that allows us to keep our four teachers. Therefore our current class structures for 2006 are as follows:

Pre/1 – 14 students – Mrs Prince

2/3 – 20 students – Mrs Ruddick

4/5 – 21 students – Mrs Paddison

6/7 – 21 students – Mr Byrne

We will quite happily take any more students.

Prep commences at Ridgелands School in 2007 and we are taking enrolments from parents with children born between Jan 01, 2002 and June 30, 2002. If you have any enquiries about Prep, please contact the school between 9:00am and 3:00pm Monday to Thursday.

Interschool sport commenced Friday 10 Feb. Our students from grades 5 to 7 compete in cricket, softball and t-ball as part of Alton Downs' teams in the Rockhampton competition. We are able to do this thanks to the efforts of many parents who supplement our transport plan.

A big thanks to Mr Robert Lund our part time groundsman for his great efforts in getting the grounds ready for school. He does a great job.

Our P & C Annual General Meeting will be held in March after the books have been audited. On behalf of the school I would like to thank Ann-Marie and Roger Humphrey for the great job they have done as Treasurers. Their last child completed grade 7 last year and they are unable to continue this role. Hence any volunteers will be gratefully accepted.

The P & C contributes a substantial amount to the school each year. They have financed the purchase of computers, software, air conditioning, sports' equipment, trophies, and of course the Permanent Water Project. New members are always welcome.

Congratulations to our Ridgелands Redback awardees for Term 4, 2005, who were:

Jaclyn Spencer, Taleesha Spencer, Megan Humphrey, Jessie Beale, Ella Prow, Kyle Barney, Brodie Christianson and Rhiannon Turner. Congratulations and thanks to the following who received Redback "Thank You" certificates:

For helping in the Tuckshop: Denise Boon, Margaret Pierce, Kerri Milner, Roger Humphrey, Cherie Pye, Judy and Tamara Gimm;

For helping at swimming: Kelli Tomkins, Kate Perrin-Dunne and Lyn Foxwell;

For helping Mrs Prince: Margaret Fletcher and Carolyn Dodds; and

For housing the Kabota tractor/mower: Simon Ruddick.

Thank you to all those who attended the presentations and the morning tea which followed. I would also add a special thanks to an ex student, Jacita Pritchard who presented the student awards.

A special thanks also to Judy Gimm for organising the morning tea.

The school concert was held on Wednesday 07 Dec at the Ridgелands Hall. It was a really great night and showed many of the hidden talents of our students.

Students from grade 4 to 7 are currently working on a "Leadership" programme. The culmination will be the election of School Captains and Student Councillors. Speeches for the potential Captains will be held on Monday 27 Feb after parade. Parents and community members are invited to attend. A secret ballot for students from grades 5 to 7 will then be held during the day to elect the captains.

Regards

Mick Byrne

## WHAT'S ON

### Rhee Tae Kwon 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of every month. Dates for local  
workshops held at Dalma School  
to be advised.  
Please contact Margo Eistreich  
Phone: 49345958

### Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

Ridgelands Hall  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Contact Mary Wells  
Phone: 49222754

### ANZAC DAY

Prepare for ANZAC Day  
Remember the Veterans in your  
family and order a memorial  
clasp/badge with their name and  
details and medal ribbons for \$6  
from the RSL. For full details see  
website:

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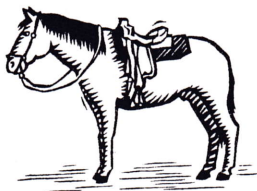
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community link

Jill Fry RSL Pension Officer  
and Advocate  
Phone: 49227747

### Birthday Greetings

To Jessie O'Sullivan  
8<sup>th</sup> March  
Love from  
Mum, Dad and Nan.

## NOTICES



### Mustering Wanted

Mustering – cattle  
Handling – Weiner  
Educating  
Strong, educated lead dogs  
Keith Williamson  
Phone: 49345104  
Mobile: 0428350217

### For Sale

1998. 300 Polaris 4 wheel motor  
bike. Good condition.  
\$3,500 o.n.o.  
Phone Paul 0419726173

### For Sale

Above ground swimming pool  
Complete with sand filter  
15'x30'  
Still in use  
\$800 o.n.o.  
Phone Linda 49347621

### For Sale

Ironbark Posts cut to order.  
Fence, yard, shed, house stumps,  
strainers, rails, stays and blocks.  
Also Rosewood strainers.  
Phone: 4934 1209

Attention anyone interested in  
a bus to Crescent Lagoon State  
School for Ridgelands Road  
Contact Kelli 49341535.

## MEETINGS

**Ridgelands Show Meeting**  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2006, 7.30pm  
Visitors welcome

### QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets  
9.30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of  
month.

### Stitch and Chat Group

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

### Ridgelands P&C Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
every month  
Phone: 49345518

### Expressions of Interest

For a **Mini Deb Ball** to run  
in July/ August 2007.  
Only primary children eligible.  
Please contact Mary Wells by  
**1<sup>st</sup> March 2006 on 49222745**  
The last ball was run in 1995  
and filled the  
Ridgelands Hall to capacity.  
Photos of the last ball are  
available for viewing at  
Ridgelands QCWA  
or the school.

### Jokes

What's brown, hairy and has no legs but walks?  
What has many rings but no fingers?  
What has a hole in the middle and no beginning or  
end?

Answers: Dad's socks  
A Telephone  
A Donut

## COOKERY CORNER HAM AND EGG TART

- 6 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- 150g diced ham
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 tomato, sliced
- 1 slice bread, crumbed

Grease 20cm tart plate. Process bread, sprinkle crumbs on base of prepared tart plate.

Combine eggs, onion, ham, milk and half of the cheese. Pour into prepared tart plate. Place in moderate oven, 180° for about 15 minutes. Take out and place sliced tomato and rest of cheese on top. Return to oven and bake until completely set and cheese is golden brown.



For God so loVed the world,  
That He gAve  
His onLy  
BegottEn  
soN  
That whosoever  
Believeth In Him  
Should Not perish,  
But have Everlasting life.  
John 3:16

Words of Wisdom from Mark Twain  
(American Author and Humourist 1835 – 1910)

Humour is mankind's greatest blessing.

A crank is a man with a new idea – until it catches on.

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