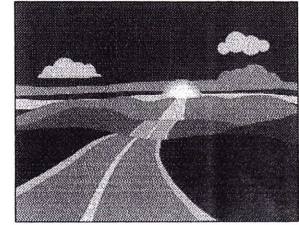


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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

We need you. The Newsletter committee is looking for sponsors for the newsletter. This \$50 sponsorship helps to pay for postage costs. Families or businesses are all welcome. Also we are keen to receive any articles of interest on your club, a trip away, some history, any achievements by our locals.

It is sad to see that one of our contributors The Dalma State School has been mothballed for 12 months and as the front page reveals, the Race Club is to be closed down and the disposal of assets is to be completed before the closure.

Small Communities are important and we need to stick together to preserve what is precious to our community. We have many great facilities in our area ;- our halls, the polocrosse and sports club grounds, the rodeo and campdraft arena and yards, the showgrounds, a museum, CWA room, tennis courts and our school.

Around the Ridges is a means of keeping our community together and supporting The Ridgeland State School. Since our first *Around the Ridges* was published in June 2003, the committee -with the support of many businesses, families and individuals- has managed to supply the school with over \$600 worth of reading books, has supported the school football team (\$200), has donated a visitors book to The O'Sullivan Watson Memorial Museum (\$20), and will very soon be contributing \$3000 to the connection of the internet to Pre-school/Year One Room. So **A BIG THANKYOU** to all who have helped us to achieve this record.

Disposal of Ridgeland Race Club Assets

After being involved in thoroughbred horse racing for 82 years, the Ridgeland Race Club Inc is to close down. This situation has been brought about by the Queensland Government's restructure and subsequent review of racing which has left the Club without a future.

To comply with the Club's constitution, Queensland Racing directions and Queensland Government regulations the Ridgeland Race Club is required to dispose of all assets prior to closing down.

At a meeting held on the 5th of March, 2006 the Club's assets were offered in the following manner:
(Continued overleaf)

This newsletter is a family sponsorship.

Thank you Mrs Ena Sinclair

QUEENSLAND RACING:

Barrier Stalls.

All outside and inside running rail (excluding the section of outside rail from the saddling paddock to the Dalma Road entrance gate)

Skychannel dish and associated equipment.

Photofinish tower and associated equipment.

RIDGELANDS RODEO AND SHOW ASSOCIATION INC.

2/3 share of office building.

Office furniture.

Servery.

Betting shed and eating area.

RIDGELANDS & DISTRICT SPORTING & AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION INC:

Ride on mower.

Tractor.

Swabbing stall.

Tie up stalls

Internal fencing.

S. Titmarsh

Secretary

49228753

5 March 2006.



Ridgeland State School News.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Last month students, staff and parents were impressed with the speeches made by the following candidates for school captain: Jordan Thompson, Luke Ruddick, Adam Estreich, Keiran Hunt, Rhiannon Abraham, Bridie Weier, Emma Stanke and Madison Rosenberg. I would like to congratulate all eight candidates on their excellent efforts. After the speeches, students voted by secret ballot for their school leaders.

Those school leaders' badges were presented by the Fitzroy Shire Mayor, Mr John Hopkins on parade on Monday 13 March. My thanks to all those who attended and a special thanks to Judy Gimm and the Tuckshop ladies who supplied the morning tea.

Congratulations to the following who received badges:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS: Emma Stanke, Kieran Hunt

SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAINS: Bridie Weier, Jordan Thompson

SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS:

UNICORNS: House Captains: Emma Stanke, Luke Ruddick

Vice-Captains: Bridie Weier, Adam Estreich

DRAGONS: House Captains: Madison Rosenberg, Jordan Thompson

Vice-Captains: Rhianon Turner, Kieran Hunt

STUDENT COUNCILLORS:

Year 4 Tessa Harney, Connor Christensen

Year 5 Melinda Lovell, Curtis Duff

Year 6 Zoe Spencer, Steele Keily

Year 7 Madison Rosenberg, Adam Estreich

Rhianon Turner, Luke Ruddick

EQUESTRIAN CAPTAINS: Emma Stanke, Madison Rosenberg

Rhianon Turner, Bridie Weier.

Alton Downs Boarding Kennels & Cattery Ph. 49341365	Norm Milner Butcher Ph. 49276616	N. Watkins Cabinetry & Joinery Ph. 49341243 Fax. 49341443	Water Cartage Colin Bell Mob. 0418 725 676
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PREP NEWS

Ridgelands School is now taking enrolments for Prep in 2007. To assist in planning we are encouraging parents to enroll eligible students by June 30 2006. Students are eligible to enroll in Prep in 2007 if they were born between Jan 01 and June 30 in 2002. Parents of enrolled students can collect a "Get Set for Prep" kit from the school office. There will be no pre-school class in 2007.

The State Government recently announced a new Code of School Behaviour. Our school, along with every other state school in Queensland, will be revising our behaviour management plan to create a Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students to fit the new Code. We will be inviting parents to have their say in the development of our new Plan, and this will be made a P&C agenda item in the near future. A copy of the Code of School Behaviour is available from the school or on-line at

<http://education.qld.gov.au/publication/production/reports/>

Dalma State School was officially "Mothballed" till the end of 2006 on Friday 24 Feb. Ridgelands was allocated a substantial amount of the Teacher, student and school resources. As Ridgelands is the nearest school, the principal of Ridgelands is to be the local contact for general enquiries and maintenance during this period.

Students are currently deciding what sport to play next term in the winter inter-school competition as part of our Alton Downs Cluster. There are a number of choices including rugby league, netball, soccer and tennis. Trials for selection will be held on Friday 07 April.

Regards, Mick Byrne.



Pony Club News.

On the 4th and 5th of February the Alton Downs Pony Club held its first official event for the year. That was Equitation and Show Jumping. 73 riders competed in the Equitation and 96 riders took part in the Show Jumping. Kirstie Fossett placed 1st in the D Grade while Holly-Jo Pye placed 2nd in the 12 years and under.

Alton Downs riders to place in the Equitation were:

Zoe Spencer 2nd
Holly-Jo Pye -4th

Scott Spreadborough – 5th

This weekend, the 18th/19th March sees a teams challenge event at Paradise Lagoons. Teams of three will compete at sporting events, show jumping, team penning and campdrafting.

On the following weekend the 26th March the Rockhampton Heritage Village hosts the third Annual Open Gymkhana and Horse Sports Day.

Clyde Stanke

The Ridgelands and District Rodeo and Show Association News

After recent good rain the committee is continuing to prepare for the big Easter weekend of campdrafting. Enquiries have come from as far south as Caboolture and north to Mackay.

The Ridgelands Arena "is one of the best in Queensland" according to Kevin Watts who is patron and a founding member of the Rodeo Committee. The arena and yards were built in 1949 and the first campdraft was run the same year. Mr Jack Jones won the first campdraft in 1949 and he won the first cup in 1951 on his horse *Monkey*. Second-hand timber from the Rockhampton Wharf was used to rebuild the arena and yards in 1975. A recent grant from the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund enabled the committee to repair and rebuild parts of the yards with steel posts and rails.

Any enquiries and if anyone is interested in helping out on the Easter weekend could you please contact the President Mr Robert White on 49345146.

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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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 1st Tuesday and 3rd 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 13th 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:

<http://www.rslqld.org/index.php?itemid=201>

or go to www.rslqld.org
community link
Jill Fry RSL Pension Officer
and Advocate
Phone: 49227747

Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club

Polocrosse Sign – On
2nd April 2006
Practice (with horses) to
commence
9am *sharp* followed by sausage
sizzle lunch
For further details, please contact
Paul Sullivan 49341396

Brothers Australian Football Club

Teams from Auskick (age 5 &
up) through to U/17 grades
Training at Victoria Park,
Rockhampton
Tuesday & Thursday 5pm
Contact Barry Morrison
49341993 or 0408055047

NOTICES

**Certificate 3
Qualified Beautician**
Special for this month:
All waxing services -
\$15 each
Lash and Brow - \$10
Massage - Phone for price
Phone Sharyn: 49345966
Mobile 0409 491517

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.**

For Sale

SUZUKI 4WD Mini Truck,
2001 model
As new cond. A/C, New tyres,
39700km
\$8000
Ideal for farm run about
Phone: 49262719

Wanted to Buy

Milk/Cream Cans in good
condition
And Klaxon horn mechanical
or electrical
Phone 49341335
Or 0418 458 321

Aldon Tutoring Centres

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*Qualified and registered teacher
*Blue card
*Specialising in private tutoring
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Secondary
*Free Assessment
Willing to work with teachers .
Supporting teachers, schools &
Community.

MEETINGS

Ridgelands Show Meeting

12 April, 2006, 7.30pm
Visitors welcome

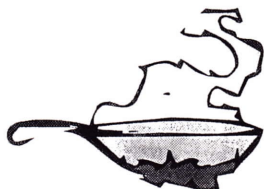
QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets
9.30 am 1st Wednesday of
month.

Stitch and Chat Group

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

Showdown Rugs Ph. 49341361 Fax. 49341012 Mob. 0438 341 361	GOFARM Agribusiness Ph. 49221088 Fax. 49226930 Mob. 0427 521 080	Rocky Feed & Seed John and Todd Lynch Phone 49227307 Fax. 49227095	B. Jackson Farrier Hot/Cold Shoeing Ph: 49341231 Mob: 0407 170 652
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Ridgелands CWA News.



A Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea will be held on Saturday 13th May at Ridgелands Hall.

All welcome.

More information next newsletter.

The CWA ladies have made 36 turbans for Cancer sufferers and these will be presented to Shirley Shannen from the Cancer Association at the next meeting on 5th April at 9.30 am. We would like the public to attend a morning tea as money raised will go towards Cancer Foundation.

COOKERY CORNER

APPLE & SULTANA BAKED CUSTARD

2 green apples, peeled, finely chopped

½ cup sultanas

4 eggs

½ cup caster sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla essence

2 cups hot milk

1 tablespoon cold milk

2 teaspoons custard powder

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

whipped cream to serve

Preheat oven to moderately slow, 160°.

Lightly grease a 5-cup capacity ovenproof dish.

Place apple and sultanas in dish. In a large jug whisk together eggs, caster sugar and vanilla.

Gradually whisk in hot milk.

Blend custard powder into cold milk until smooth. Whisk into egg mixture.

Pour egg mixture over fruit. Bake for 1 hour, or until just set. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Serve warm or cold with whipped cream.

Be careful how you think. Your life is shaped by your thoughts.

Proverbs



GRACEMERE SCOUT GROUP

MONSTER CENT SALE

WHEN: SATURDAY 8TH APRIL

WHERE: GRACEMERE COMMUNITY HALL.(BARRY ST)

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 1PM. START AT 1.30PM SHARP.

CENT SALE INCLUDES: MULTI DRAW. SNAP DRAWS AND MAJOR RAFFLE

DRAWN ON THE DAY.

GOLD COIN DONATION. EXCELLENT PRIZES.

CONTACT: PAM 4933 3183

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT SCOUTING.

jokes

Why did Cinderella get thrown out of the netball team?

What do you call a parrot in a rain coat?

What did the road say to the bridge?

You make me cross.
Poly unsaturated.
She kept running away from the ball.

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Barrel Racing
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Free Map for Fitzroy Landholders

Free maps and help for your land are on offer at a series of workshops planned for the Fitzroy region.

Improving pastures and bush, blitzing the big weeds (including Giant Rats' Tail Grass), and fire management and planning will be covered in the half-day, on-farm workshops being run by Greening Australia Queensland and Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchments Inc (FRCC).

"The program will provide landholders with cost-effective, expert advice to help improve land condition and property value," said Helen Peachey of Greening Australia Queensland (Inc).

"As part of the workshop series participants will receive a printed map of their property, and reference material.

"Whether you operate a commercial grazing or horticulture enterprise, or use your land for recreation, these workshops are relevant to you."

The workshops are \$20 each but attendance at more than one attracts a 50 percent discount each subsequent workshop.

The first workshop in the series, *Bushland Management*, is on Sunday, March 26. It provides practical actions landowners can take to improve, conserve and manage bushland areas on their properties.

For more information or to register contact FRCC on 4921 0524. To receive a property map and for catering purposes landowners should RSVP two weeks before each workshop.

Workshop Title	Date	Venue	RSVP
Bushland Management	Mar 26	Woodbury	Mar 16
Pasture Management	Apr 2	Barmoya	Mar 20
Weed Identification and Control Methods	Apr 23	Bungundarra	Apr 10
Giant Rats Tail Grass Management	May 13	Rossmoya	May 2
Fire Planning and Management	May	Bungundarra	May 15

For more information, contact:

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Fitzroy River Coastal Catchments
Ph: 4921 0524 Fax: 4921 0528
Email: dmurray@frcc.org.au

Helen Peachey
Greening Australia Queensland (Inc.)
Ph: 4923 7541 Mob: 0428 744 602 Fax 4923 7546
Email: hpeachey@qld.greeningaustralia.org.au

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