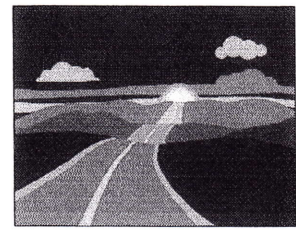


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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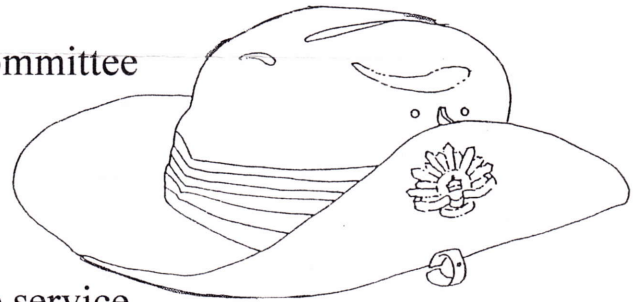
ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 2006

The Alton Downs and District Remembrance Committee wishes to extend an invitation to the community to join us in observing ANZAC DAY 2006.

The service will commence at 4.28 a.m. at the Alton Downs Cenotaph/ Memorial Wall .

A breakfast will be provided for all attending the service.

Hugh Chippendale - President



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The Ridglands and District Sporting and Agricultural Association



The Ridglands Show has experienced another successful year.

One of the highlights of the year was the opening of the O'Sullivan Watson memorial museum by the Shire Mayor, John Hopkins.

Named after one of the districts early pioneering families, the Museum houses history of events over the last century and a half.

It often happens in districts where families of early settlers move on and names are forgotten and present day residents know little about the early history of their district and the struggles endured by the settlers

where their only tools were a horse and cart, bar shovel and axe.

This year we have a Miss Show Girl – **Miss Kirstie Fossett**, a keen horse competitor living at Alton Downs, Kirstie will make a good ambassador for show and district.

New events this year include a **Crazy Hat Parade** and **Best Dressed Junior** under 12 years.

The recent grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to erect a new front fence will give the Showgrounds a facelift.

We work all year for a one day show and success is due to the tireless effort by members and helpers. See you all on the 3rd of June.

Rob Bishop
Chairman

Ridgелands State School News

We have at last confirmed that the Official Opening of our water pipeline will be Saturday 06 May. This is a community event and we would like to invite everyone to come along and celebrate. The proceedings will commence at 3:00pm at the school. A programme for the day will be compiled shortly and sent out. Mr Jim Pearce will represent the Minister at this function and officially “turn on” the water. The “Opening” will be followed by an Afternoon Tea to which all are invited, other entertainment, a late BBQ and a Trivia Night. Hope to see you all there.

The school is currently taking Prep enrolments for 2007. To be eligible to enrol in the preparatory year in 2007, a child must be born between 1 January 2002 and 30 June 2002. The decision to make only this half-cohort eligible for the preparatory year

in 2007 aligns with the raising of the compulsory school starting age by six months from 2008.

Children born between 1 July 2001 and 31 December 2001 will enrol in Year 1 in 2007 unless they are assessed as having exceptional educational needs. In such cases, Prep Year enrolment may be considered. The majority of these children will have attended pre-school and will be ready for Year 1.

In order to ensure schools have the resources they need for the beginning of Prep in 2007, Education Queensland is conducting a Prep enrolment audit in June this year. If you are enrolling your child for 2007 we would urge you to do so at the school before the audit. You can pick up a complimentary “Prep Starter Kit” at the office while there.

The P & C Annual General Meeting was held recently. Congratulations to Mr Vivian Duff who was re-elected as President, Mr Mark Stanke, Vice-President, Mrs Michelle Osborn, Secretary, Mr Simon Ruddick, Assistant Secretary and Mrs Lyn Foxwell, the QCPCA representative. Unfortunately there were no nominations for the very important position of Treasurer. This is a critical position and we desperately need a volunteer.

At that meeting the P & C accepted a tender for the removal of the old demountable building beside the library. It will be removed during the June/July holidays this year.

The school welcomed Jessica O’Neil, a past student and school captain, back to the school to present our Redback Awards at the end of term. Jessica recently completed a 12 month student exchange programme in Denmark, and was able to relate some of her interesting experiences to our students and parents who attended.

Congratulations to our Redback Award recipients:

Matthew Stanke, Kelly Matthews, Madison Rosenberg, Daniel Stanke, Travis Turner and Emma-Lee May.

Congratulations to the following parents who also received Redback Appreciation Certificates:

Kate Perrin-Dunne, Kelli Tomkins, Marie Douglas, Paige Barney and Rocky Recycling.

We also thanked our *Newspapers in Education* sponsors “Robo’s Tyres” and “Battery World”

The school was also visited by the Executive Director Schools, Central Queensland District, Mr Ian Boon. He was very impressed with what the teachers and students were doing in classrooms and in extra-curricular areas.

Our Alton Downs muster to select winter sports’ teams was held on the last Friday of term. All students from grades 5 to 7 travelled by bus to Bouldercombe to trial for rugby league, netball, soccer and tennis teams. They will play their first games on Fri 28 April.

The school will hold its ANZAC Day Memorial Service at 9:00am on Monday 24 April. All community members are invited to attend and participate. Once again our service will be supported by the Capricornia RSL Sub Branch and its President Mr Ron King.

Ms Susan Balmain will be welcomed back to Ridgелands School next term. She will be replacing me on my class three days a fortnight. At this stage that will be every Monday and every second Tuesday.

Regards, Mick Byrne

ALTON DOWNS POLOCROSSE AND SPORTS CLUB GROUNDS NEWS

The Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Grounds were buzzing with activity on April 1st. Three very different activities - Field Archers, Farriers and Polocrosse Sign -On, were in progress and all enjoyed great interest and support.

The Alton Downs Polocrosse Club held their sign on and practice day. A very good roll up of around 20 players including a number of junior players enjoyed their first practice day. The first carnival will be held at Eidsvold at the end of May. Capella is running a Masters Competition on April 22. Alton Downs will be represented by Caroline Dodds, Paul Chippendale and Ian Stewart. Practice Days are held each Sunday at 9am. ALL WELCOME. Enquiries please phone Paul O'Sullivan 49341396 or Alex Reid 49341124.

AUSTRALIAN FARRIERS AND BLACKSMITHS ASSOCIATION

On the 1st /2nd of April the Rockhampton branch of the Australian Farriers and Blacksmiths held a tool making clinic at The Alton Downs Polocrosse Grounds. The class was conducted by Toowoomba blacksmith Terry Drennan. Eleven local members learnt the finer points of toolmaking and order metal scroll work. Some of the tools made were Hammer heads, Fire tongs, Cold chisels, Hot cutters and different types of punches. The local club is trying to promote its following and rekindle the time old art of blacksmithing. There are days when the club brings some of Australia's best farriers to Rockhampton to do clinics so that any local farriers may enhance their skills.

Any interested person can contact: Dave Morrison - 49341157
Kev Tighe - 49341430

CAPRICORN FIELD ARCHERY RESULTS FOR SUNDAY 2ND APRIL, 2006.

It was a very hot and humid shoot this week, but the club members managed to shoot well considering the heat.

During the break we were privileged to be able to watch a black smith training session that was being held at the club grounds by the Alton Downs Sporting Club and Polocrosse Association. An enjoyable time was had by all, learning a lot about the trade and seeing how hard and hot it a profession it would be. But amazing to see how tools are made.

The club has a very busy month in April with three National competitions being held in Orange NSW over Easter which is a lead up to the World IFAA championships in June at Maryborough. Everyone is busy practicing to achieve their best; this is a great opportunity to attend a world event so close to home.

If you wish to try archery please contact us on 49332832 or 49345122.

Sharon McFadzen
Treasurer/PR Officer
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Ridgelands QCWA News

The response to the Miniature Deb Ball has been disappointing with only one local request and seven from outside the area. Please phone 49222745 for information.

The Ridgelands CWA is catering for Beef 2006 at Calioran and Macfield on Wednesday 3rd May and proceeds are going to Cyclone Larry victims.

Six dozen turbans were presented to Shirley Shannon to offer to cancer sufferers. These were made by the ladies from Stitch and Chat. A morning tea was held and a donation from the QCWA was given to Cancer Research.

A Mother's Day Afternoon Tea is to be held in Ridgelands Hall on Saturday 13th May at 1.30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per head. There will be Lucky Door, Multi Draw and Raffle tickets on sale. Bookings: Merle 49345142 or Mary 49222745

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 26th April as we will be catering for Beef 2006 on our usual first Wednesday of month. Our June meeting has also been changed to Wednesday 31st May due to Rockhampton Show holiday.

Mary Wells President

RECIPE CORNER.

Orange Cake

125g butter
 Grated rind and juice 1 medium orange
 ¾ cup caster sugar
 2 eggs, separated
 2 cups self raising flour
 Pinch salt
 2-3 tablespoons milk
 Sifted icing sugar

Cream butter with orange rind and sugar until light and fluffy.

Add egg yolks one at a time and beat well after each.

Sift flour with salt and fold into creamed mixture alternately with strained orange juice and milk, beginning and ending with flour.

Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form and gently fold in. Spoon into 20cm round or square tin that has been greased with melted butter, bottom lined with grease proof paper and dusted with flour.

Bake in a preheated moderate oven for 35 – 40 minutes or until a skewer inserted in centre comes out clean. Turn out on to a wire rack and when cool dust with sifted icing sugar.

Invitation to the Community
 To the Official Opening of the Water Pipeline to the Ridgelands State School.
Saturday May 6 at 3pm.
 Mr Jim Pearce will represent the Minister and officially "turn on" the water.
 Afternoon Tea will be followed by entertainment, a late BBQ and Trivia Night.
ALL WELCOME

JOKES

What's the longest piece of furniture in the school?

How do Religious Education teachers mark exams?

Why did the old lady cover her mouth with her hands when she sneezed?

The Multiplication Table
 With Spirit Levels
 To catch her false teeth

STATE OF ORIGIN
ALTON DOWNS POLOCROSSE AND SPORTS CLUB
 May 24.....June 14.....July 5
 Bar and Hot Food. **BIG SCREEN** Game starts 7.30pm.
 Two VIP seats with a slave for the night are up for auction.

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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

Ridgелands 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](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

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

A foolish person lets
his anger run wild.
But a wise person
keeps himself under
control
Proverbs 29:11

Rocky Rush

24th – 26th April, 2006
at Ridgелands Rodeo and
Campdraft grounds

State of Origin

At Alton Downs PSC
24th May, 14th June,
5th July
Bar and hot food.
Game starts 7.30pm
With a slave for the night
2 VIP seats up for auction.

NOTICES

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MEETINGS

Ridgелands Show Meeting

May, 2006, 7.30pm
Visitors welcome

QCWA

Ridgелands 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

Ridgелands P&C Meeting

2nd Wednesday
every month
Phone: 49345518

Congratulations

**Brendan Goerg on his
graduation from CQU with a
Bachelor of Information
Technology**

21st November, 2001

Brendan will be representing
Australia in the Field Archers
IFAA Championship in June at
Maryborough.

Congratulations

ELLROTT Gerard and Regan

We are delighted to announce the
safe arrival of their daughter
Macey Jane
Born 03.03.06
First grandchild for John and
Carol Ellrott "Big House" and
Jeff and Lyn Besch,
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living in Darwin.

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As you make your way through life,
Let this ever be your goal,
Keep your eye on the doughnut
And not upon the hole.
Anonymous

Workshops on Target

A new series of workshops aimed at improving land management throughout the Central Queensland region have been welcomed by those land managers who attended the first two workshops in the series.

"The workshops are full of information and practical advice which is relevant to our region, something which is usually hard to find", commented one participant.

"The workshop was extremely informative, practical and fun".

Improving pastures and bush, blitzing the big weeds (including giant rats' tail grass), and fire management and planning are just some of the topics being covered in the half-day, on-farm workshops being run by Greening Australia Queensland and Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchments Inc (FRCC).

"The program provides landholders with cost-effective, expert advice to help improve land condition and property value," said Helen Peachey, Regional Training Officer for Greening Australia Queensland (Inc).

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

"Whether landholders operate a commercial grazing or horticulture enterprise, or use their land for recreation, these workshops are relevant and valuable."

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

The third workshop in the series is on Sunday, April 23. *Weed Identification and Management* will provide practical and concise information on priority weed species in this region, including their identification, ecology and specific control techniques. Basic Property Pest Planning, including template, will also be covered during this workshop.

The fourth workshop, *Giant Rats Tail Grass Management*, will cover specific information on this priority weed species, including its identification and control. This workshop will be held on Saturday, May 13.

These workshops will provide landowners with the practical actions to improve, control and manage weed infested areas on their properties.

For more information or to register contact FRCC on 07 4921 0524. To receive a FREE property map landowners are encouraged to RSVP by the given date for each workshop.

Workshop Title	Date	Venue	RSVP
Weed Identification and Management	Apr 23	Bungundarra	Apr 10
Giant Rats Tail Grass Management	May 6	Rossmoya	Apr 24
Fire Planning and Management	May 28	Bungundarra	May 15

For more information, contact:

Darcy Murray

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Helen Peachey

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