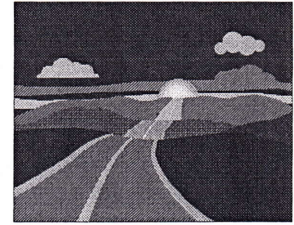


AROUND THE RIDGES

and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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WATER TURNED ON TO THE RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL

Below is a copy Mr Vivian Duff's speech on May 6, 2006. Vivian is the President of the Ridgeland State School.

On behalf of the Ridgeland's State School P&C Association, I would like to welcome everyone here today to the official opening of our water pipeline project. I would like to extend a special welcome to our official guests: Mr **Jim Pearce** representing the Honourable **Rod Welford** Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts. And to Mrs **Rowena Arthur**, the acting Regional Executive Director for the Fitzroy & Central West Queensland Region, Education Queensland and the Fitzroy Shire Major Mr John Hopkins and councillors.

This afternoon we hope to show our appreciation to the many people who made this project possible. The project itself involved the

- installation of a submersible pump in the Fitzroy River, at Limestone Creek;
- the laying of almost 10Kms of underground poly-pipe to the school;
- installation of these storage tanks; pressure pump and underground hydrants here at the school.

The implementation of this project will give the school access to a permanent supply of good quality water, something which our city counterparts take for granted. Availability of this water will open up many opportunities for us to improve our school grounds, by growing healthier and more child friendly playing and sporting areas. It will also give us opportunities for educational, and community based sporting activities.

There were many hurdles we had to overcome to complete this project, the first major hurdle was to obtain funding to the tune of almost \$50 000. Not too many organisations are keen to give away fifty grand. It took several years, many forms and a sympathetic local politician, before we got a green light on the funding from the Smart School Subsidy Scheme.

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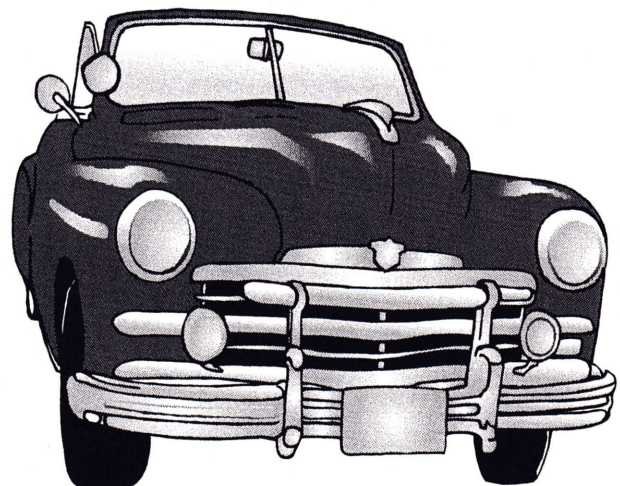
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The scheme was introduced in 2004 and provides funding to school communities and was initiated for capital works that fall outside of the scope of other capital works programmes offered by Education Queensland. We are very appreciative of the funding supplied by the Smart School Subsidy, without which this project would have been beyond our means and would still be a pipeline dream.

At this point, I would like to thank Mr Jim Pearce; he played an integral part in guiding us in the process of obtaining the funding and in finally getting that funding approved. Thanks Jim.

Projects of this size don't happen over night; in fact they don't just happen. It requires much organisation and many willing volunteers and sponsors. We were exceptionally fortunate to source so many keen workers to complete the project. Several of these volunteers didn't even have a current connection with the school, which demonstrates the close community that Ridgeland's is lucky to enjoy. We are also very grateful to our many sponsors who donated their services. The combination of these donated service and the many man (person) hours of volunteer labour has saved the P&C many thousands of dollars which would have been needed to make up the full cost of the project. This in turn means we will be able to spend our hard earned fund raising money on other resources and projects to benefit the children of our school.

In conclusion, I once again thank all our volunteers and sponsors, who contributed large or small, as everything little bit counts. The finalisation of this water project is not the end but the opening of many new and better school and community opportunities.

Thank You, and enjoy the afternoon and the evening ahead.

RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Vivian Duff and the P & C on organising a marvellous "Official Opening" of our water pipeline on Saturday May 06. Thanks to all those who attended and especially to those who stayed on for the afternoon and evening. Everything seemed to go smoothly as everyone pitched in to help. Judy Gimm and her helpers, Tamara Gimm, Judy Stanke, Sue Cooper, Lynne Foxwell, Cassandra Stanke and Julie Lovell produced an excellent afternoon tea and it just got better from there. Thanks to Mark Stanke for his organisation of the bike races on the oval. Everyone really enjoyed them. Thanks also to his helpers: Noel Connor and Cassandra Stanke. Thanks also to Chris Lovell who worked all afternoon and night behind the bar and to Mick Cunningham who helped him. We would also like to thank Judy G, Judy S, Tamara, Cassandra, Lynne, Sue, Tricia, Jenny, Robyn, Margo, Mark, Vivian, and John who helped cook, serve and clean-up at the BBQ; a big thanks to Katrina Duff for organising and running the Trivia Night which was sensational; Simon Ruddick for his great work as M C during the afternoon and at the Trivia Night; Vivian Duff, Mark and Luke Stanke, Simon Ruddick, Danny Cooper, Chris Lovell for setting up on Saturday and to Vivian, Mark, Luke, Chris and Simon for cleaning-up on Sunday.

I would like to add a special thanks to Judy Stanke who not only worked all day Saturday but also did most of the enormous amount of preparation and paperwork prior to the event. Thanks also to Desley Chippendale, without whose help in the office every Tuesday for the last few weeks, we would have had problems with getting everything done.

Thanks to Kate Perrin- Dunne our new Treasurer who has been in doing the banking and books. It looks like the P & C will make a tidy profit from the event.

If I have missed thanking anybody, my sincere apologies.

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.

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.

Regards, Mick Byrne

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SPORT

On Friday Alton Downs **Junior Netball** team played against Waraburra. The player of the match was Emma for her great intercepting in the circle. We lost 11-3.

By Tayla

Last Friday Alton Downs **Midget Netball** team were defeated by Crescent Lagoon 12-1. We all played a great game.

By Lauren

Last Friday Alton Downs **A-Grade Tennis** team was defeated by Crescent Lagoon 10-5. The player of the match was Emma Stanke for excellent aces and point scoring.

By Rhianon.

Last Friday Alton Downs **Senior Football** team defeated The Hall 14-0. Everybody had a great game and the man of the match was Luke Ruddick for his great backing up when players are in the tackle. Tries were scored by Harry Lawton, Jay Pokarier and Anthony McCarthy and Jordan Thompson kick a conversion.

By Kieran

Last Friday Alton Downs **Junior Football** team defeated Gracemere 30-0. The man of the match was Mitch Reeve for trying to give everyone a run. Bradley Mestrez scored 1 try.

By Brodie

Last Friday Alton Downs **Girls Soccer** team lost against Berserker 3-1. All the girls played very well but I would have to say that Jessica from Depot Hill would have to be the player of the match for scoring our only goal.

By Jessie

Councillor's Comment.

Hello Everyone. Fitzroy Shire Council is entering into a very interesting time ahead under the State Government suggested Size, Shape and Sustainability Review Process. This is singly the most important issue facing Local Government across QLD at the moment. The Beattie Government has developed a guideline to follow as part of the review. It is "voluntary" yet all Councils are expected to be apart of at least one review. A 'review' consists of a group of Councils joining together to sign an M.O.A to be a part of this process. We as a Council, with much apprehension and discussion accepted that our Review Group consists of Livingstone, Rockhampton City and Mt Morgan. Also we have contacted Calliope, Banana and Duaringa to hold discussion as well in regards to this process. Community consultation will be big part of the process once we get rolling and please don't believe everything of what you will hear in the media especially from other Councils. Contact your Councillors if you have any concerns or questions about this issue.

On a lighter note don't forget the Ridgeland's Show at the Ridgeland's Showground on June 3rd. It's an authentic country show and great for families. Hope to see you there!

Bye for now, Cr Christine Ward 49 341 338
christine.ward@fitzroyshire.qld.gov.au

RIDGELANDS QCWA NEWS.

This year's International Day will be on Tuesday 20th June at Ridgeland's Hall starting at 9.00 a.m.

Fiji is our International country this year and food will be recipes from this country.

Sadly the Miniature Debutante Ball has been cancelled due to lack of local interest

The QCWA Ridgeland's AGM will be at the QCWA Hall on July 19th at 7.00p.m.

Next meeting date also changed to May 31st due to Rockhampton Show Holiday.

Mary Wells

Secretary, QCWA Ridgeland's Branch

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Ridgелands Show News.

24th Annual Show
Saturday 3rd June, 2006-05-15
Starts 8 a.m
Grand parade & Opening 2 p.m
Admission \$4 Pensioners \$2
Primary School Children Free

Licensed Barbecue Friday night 2nd June commencing 6 p.m
Friday Night Nominations for Pavilion Sections greatly appreciated.
\$20 Prize Draw for Pavilion Entries nominated and paid for on Friday 2nd June.

Nominations and entry fees for Stud Beef Cattle, Fat Cattle,
Dairy Goats, Caged Birds and Poultry close 30th May.

Displays and Attractions

Ridgелands State School Signing Choir
Light Horse Display (after Grand Parade)
Best Dresses Under 12
Best Dressed Lady
Best Dressed Gent
Best Dressed Groomperson
Best Trade Exhibit on Day
Guess Weight Competition
Raffles
Museum open on Show Day

Ridgелands Hall News.

The Hall is presently being painted on the outside, thanks to a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Owing to the need of some urgent maintenance to the Hall, the committee has set a fund raising programme for the rest of this year.

This will begin with a raffle to be drawn at the Ridgелands Show.
First prize will be a \$100-00 food hamper from Woody's at Wandal.

Second prize a \$50-00 fuel voucher from Choice at Wandal.

The committee will also be organising a Spring-time barbecue on Saturday, 9th of September, followed by a Melbourne Cup sweep.

The final event of the year will be a Christmas barbecue and Karaoke on Saturday 16th of December.

Rob Chippendale
President.

Polocrosse News.

It's here again! The polocrosse season kicked off in April, with the Master's competition held at Capella.

Alton Downs sent three players - Ian Stewart

(A Grade Winners), Paul Chippendale (B Grade runners up) and Carolyn Dodds (C Grade runners up) It was a great weekend- lots of laughs and good times were had by all.

On the 20th & 21st May we're off to the Eidsvold carnival. Just need to remember to pack the winter woollies!

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Poisonous Plants.

Are you aware of the number of supposedly innocuous garden plants that are in fact highly toxic? Hospital records show many children and adults are admitted every year because of poisoning from plants. Poisoning occurs not only from ingesting plants. Many people suffer from asthma and skin allergies caused by plants. The sap of some plants can be extremely irritating to the skin and eyes causing blisters of the nose and lips sometimes leading to convulsions.

All other poisonous products that we buy are labelled. Why not plants?

Some of the common garden plants which are highly toxic are:

Duranta – Sheena’s Gold, Aussie Gold, Geisha Girl. The berries and bark are poisonous and cause sleepiness, high temperature and in serious cases, convulsions.

Iris – the leaves and roots are toxic, even if only touched,

Philodendron – the leaves are a common and significant cause of child poisonings and have also proved fatal to household pets.

Plumbago – causes blisters and irritation on the skin.

Primulas, Polyanthus and Primrose – cause dermatitis and skin irritations.

Wisteria – cause nausea, severe gastro enteritis and diarrhoea.

Oleander – causes deaths due to respiratory and heart failure.

The powdered wood is used in Europe to kill rats.

Brunfelsia – contains a poison similar to strychnine

Arum lilies – contain poison similar to prussic acid.

If plant labels were printed with the appropriate symbol, such as those illustrated below, we could make informed purchases at the plant nursery.

Key symbols



Category 1:

Extremely toxic, has been known to cause injury, permanent disability, and in some cases, death. Do not plant. Removal and disposal of existing plants is strongly recommended.



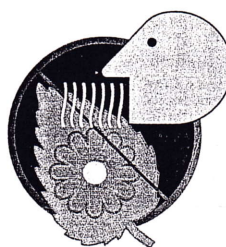
Category 3:

Irritant to skin or eyes from sap, prickles, spines or stinging hairs. Keep out of reach of toddlers and children. (Many common prickly or spiny plants now have non-spiny varieties available)



Category 2:

Potentially toxic, depending on the level of exposure. Should not be grown in preschools, playgrounds, child care settings, and access should be restricted in homes with toddlers or young children (including homes where young children may visit, ie grandparents). Exclusion (such as fencing) from children's play areas is recommended. Parents and carers should supervise carefully.



Category 4:

Pollen or perfume from this plant can cause respiratory problems. Not an asthma friendly plant.

The Queensland Government has produced a free booklet called **PLANTS AND FUNGI POISONOUS TO PEOPLE IN QUEENSLAND.**

This booklet will be posted to you free of charge by phoning 131126.

**Ms Sandra O'Brien, Fitzroy Shire Councillor, is very interested in seeing the responsible labelling of plants and has requested the above information be passed on to our readers. By writing in support to Ms O'Brien we may assist in her pursuit to have poisonous plants labelled as such at point of purchase.

Ms Sandra O'Brien

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Mr & Mrs Warren Williams are settling in at their home in Alton Downs after being married at St Peter's Church on Saturday 6th May, 2006.

The bride, Katrina is the eldest daughter of Warren and Lyn Lawrence of Kalwarren Park Alton Downs. Katrina was attended by Mrs Leesa Lawrence (Spyglass Station, Charters Towers) and Miss Nicole Atkinson (Melbourne).

The groom, Warren Williams, is the eldest son of Stewart and Chris Williams of Loganholme. Warren was attended by his brothers Derrick and Nick.

The bride arrived at the church in a horse drawn carriage and was welcomed outside by guests from Clermont, Brisbane, Rockhampton and Charters Towers. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Fr. Andrew Chase.

Mr Tim Cook was chairman at the reception at the Country Comfort where 65 guests were received.

2006 ANZAC DAY SERVICE

At least 200 people (men, women and children) gathered at the Alton Downs Hall for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at 4.28 a.m. to pay tribute to those who have paid the supreme sacrifice, to those who live with the scars of war, to those waiting in the wings for their turn to contribute and to those who in these recent times are acting in peace keeping positions around the world. It was our strongest ever attendance since the Scout's and Brownie's ANZAC Day Service in 1991. It is one day in the year when the Australian public can stop and show our respect and gratitude to those in the defence forces who obeyed their government's direction and acted to defend the peace and freedom that we treasure so much.

We enjoy what others have fought for and have not been able to enjoy personally. May we never forget these sacrifices or the commitment of civilian personnel who supported the forces.

The Alton Downs ANZAC Day Dawn Service was testament to the fact that the ANZAC spirit is alive and well respected.

COOKERY CORNER

SAVOURY MINCE ROLL

375g minced beef
1 small onion, finely chopped
½ cup mixed frozen vegetables
1 small tomato, finely chopped
1 french onion soup mix
½ cup fresh breadcrumbs
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
3 tablespoons tomato sauce
1 lightly beaten egg
salt and pepper to taste
2 sheets frozen puff pastry, thawed
Combine mince, onion, vegetables, tomato, soup mix, breadcrumbs, sauces, and seasoning. Mix well.
Cut one sheet of pastry in half and set aside.
Brush 1 edge of full pastry sheet with water and overlap with ½ sheet of pastry. Press edges together.
Place the mince mixture in centre of pastry, forming mixture into a log. Brush edges lightly with water. Fold pastry over to cover mince, seal ends. Cut remaining pastry into strips and use to decorate top. Glaze log with egg.
Bake in a hot oven, 200°C, for 30-35 minutes, or until golden brown.

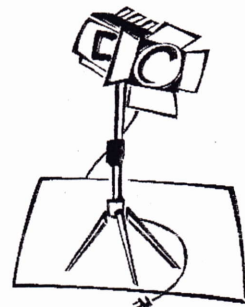
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MEETINGS

Ridgelands Show Meeting

May, 2006, 7.30pm
Visitors welcome

QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets
9.30 am 1st Wednesday of month.

Stitch and Chat Group

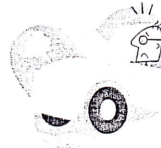
Meets 9.30am
2nd & 4th Tuesday of month.
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Ridgelands P&C Meeting

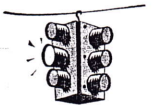
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 What do you call a cat that drinks vinegar?
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 A sour puss.
 Im-puss-able

If you love something, set it free.
 If it comes back it will always be yours.
 If it doesn't come back, it was never yours to begin with.
 But, if it just sits in your living room, messes up your stuff, eats your food, uses your telephone, takes your money and doesn't appear to realise that you have set it free...
 You either married it, had something to do with its conception or gave birth to it!

WHY GOD MADE MOTHERS.

Answers given by Year 2 children.

How did God make Mothers? Just the same like he made me, but he used bigger parts.

Why did God make mothers? She's the only one who knows where the sticky tape is.

What ingredients are mothers made of? God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mum? We're related.

What kind of little girl was your mum? They say she used to be nice.

Who's the boss at your house? Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.

What does your Mum do in her spare time? Mothers don't do spare time.

What would it take to make your Mum perfect? On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.

If you could change one thing about your Mum, what would it be? I would like her to get rid of those invisible eyes in the back of her head.

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