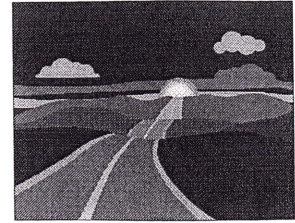


AROUND THE RIDGES

and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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Our Life at Ridgeland

Neville & Julie Schulz - married 50 years - Moses Road 47 years

Into our VW and 6 x 4 box trailer we packed our kids and a few possessions and headed off. It was a three day drive from Central NSW to Rockhampton. Once at Rocky we stayed a night at the old Three Crowns Hotel. We began our life at "Glendale", Moses Road, Ridgeland on 14th March 1960. Jenny was two years old at the time, Terry was one and Doug wasn't born until 1963.

We started out as dairy farmers and when our machinery from NSW finally arrived, we also did contract heading. We quickly got to know our way around Ridgeland, Garnant, South Yaamba and Alton Downs. There were 'big' farmers in the sixties. Be it six, sixteen or twenty-six acres to be headed, we did it all!

We soon met the locals as we were invited to join the tennis club. There was social tennis on Sunday afternoons and matches during winter. We often travelled to Gogango, Barmoya, Parkhurst, Wowan, Redbank, Retreat, South Yaamba, Dalma, Alton Downs and Garnant for tennis matches. It wasn't long before a few heads got together and decided to purchase a lighting plant. The tennis club put up lights and started night fixtures in 1966.

The race club invited Neville to a working bee and quickly got him to become a member. He was chairman from 1980 until the early 1990s. Many nights were also spent at the hall. On Friday nights Neville went to the Dairyman's meeting for men and Julie to the CWA for women. Also, there were the unforgettable dances held on the first and third Saturday night of every month. It was here that the kids spent their pocket money on lollies.

All of our children attended Ridgeland State School. When the P & C were looking for support, along went Julie. At the start of the 1969 school year, Moses Road had 12 children and Morinish had 4 children. With such 'high' numbers, we decided to get a school bus. Garnant children were included because the Garnant School was closing. We had ceased milking in 1968 and bought beef cattle, so we tendered for the bus run and operated it for three years.

Neville suffered hearing problems and after his surgery in 1971, he looked for employment in town. We purchased a house in town but continued farming on the weekends with the help of Terry and Doug. During the 1970s cattle prices slumped so we put off coming back to Ridgeland and Neville continued his employment in the gemstone industry until 1980. We sold our town home in 1981 and resided once more at "Glendale", Moses Road, but this time it was just the two of us.

Neville also worked at the Gracemere cattle sales for some time, taking over Digger Potter's job when he became ill. In 1985 Neville was elected councillor for Fitzroy Shire Council. He served three terms and resigned in 1994. Next for Neville was a partnership with Stew Titmarsh, managing the Gracemere dump. Being a farmer and collector of 'usable junk' by nature, Neville was in his glory. Meanwhile, Julie was a back-up cleaner at Ridgeland School and in 1991 was offered a permanent position. Julie loved the contact with the staff and children and didn't leave until December 1994.

In 1996 we purchased a four-wheel drive and camper. We had hoped to travel around Australia, but unfortunately Julie had a set back with her health. In 1997 we retired and were officially pensioners. In 1997-98 we flew to Western Australia and stayed with Terry and his family in Bunbury. We have also spent some time travelling with our camper, but only short trips. Julie has enjoyed the contact with the district ladies at 'Stitch and Chat', CWA and helping where she could with the local newsletter. Neville has enjoyed helping where he could, especially cooking the hamburgers at the showgrounds.

On 1st September we will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. Sadly, during September we will move to town because we have sold "Glendale". We are going to miss close neighbours and all the friends we have in this district. Before we leave we would like to invite you to our home on **Sunday 3 September at 3p.m. for a Farwell Sausage Sizzle – BYO drinks & chairs.** Please keep in touch and welcome your new neighbours, Geoffrey and Suzanne McNamara.

Ridgelands School News

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Mark Saturday 26 August (if you haven't done so already) to attend the Ridgelands State School Country Fair at the Alton Downs Polocrosse grounds. See the flyer in this newsletter. It will be a great day and evening for all.

I would like to pass on a big thank you from the P & C and the school to Michael Hunt for manufacturing and installing at no cost to the school, a cover over the new pump for our water project.

Our Alton Downs' sports days at Bouldy recently were a great success. My congratulations to all the staff, students and parents on all their help and support. In particular we would like to thank Judy Gimm, Judy Stanke and all the staff and parents who worked together to get the lunches and morning teas organised and delivered to the right people. It was a great job and of course has raised substantial funds for our P & C.

Congratulations to our 11 year Alton Downs rugby league team who played the Preliminary final on Friday 4 Aug. Unfortunately they were defeated by Allenstown 36-12 in that final at Saleyards Park. There was no man of the match as the whole team tried their best. Tries were scored by Ashley Roberts and Douglas Toby. They were converted by Ashley and Patrick Proefke. Congratulations again to the team and their coach Mr (Ricky Stuart) Ramm as they were the only Alton Downs team to make a final.

We hope to have our buildings certified for After School care on Fri 25 Aug. This will bring us one step closer to commencing the programme. We would like to start a list of possible/ probable enrolments for the start of 2007. If you intend to access this service in 2007, could you please contact the school with your numbers to be placed on the list. If you know of anyone outside the school that may wish to use this service please ask them to contact the school ASAP.

We currently have four enrolments for Prep for 2007. If you know of any eligible children in the area who have not yet enrolled, please ask their parents to contact the school. Prep kits can be collected from the office along with enrolment forms.

School transport website for parents

As a parent, you have responsibility for providing or arranging transport for your child to and from school.

To help make informed choices about safe transport options, an internet website is available through the Department of Education and the Arts. It aims to assist parents, without removing their personal responsibility for transporting their child to school.

The website includes a code of conduct that has been developed to support appropriate behaviour of students on public transport, and I encourage parents to discuss these behaviours with their child at home.

It also contains information about the School Transport Assistance Scheme that may be relevant for parents who experience difficulties in getting their child to school.

Under the scheme, parents can request that an assessment be undertaken at the school to determine eligibility for transport assistance. The factors that are taken into account in determining assistance eligibility include:

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- Your child has a verified diagnosed disability.
- Your child's ability to travel independently between school and home.
- Your capacity to provide transport for your child.

The school transport web address is:
<http://education.qld.gov.au/students/transport>.

Regards, Mick Byrne Principal



Garden Party & Fashion Parade.

The Ridgeland Branch of the Nationals are having a Garden Party and Fashion Parade at "Derry Dale"

South Yaamba, on Sunday 10th September at 1.30 pm.

Afternoon Tea, Lucky Door, Raffle, Multi Draw.

Admission: Adults - \$8 each or \$15 couple. Primary students - \$5.

RSVP by 1st September

Phone: Pam 49 34 1166 or Pat 49 33 3706

jokes

What do cats eat for breakfast?
Why do cats make good golfers?
What do you call a bird at the end of a running race?

1. Mice crispies.
2. Because they get a lot of birdies.
3. A puffin.

Noble deeds and hot baths are the best cures for depression.

Dodie Smith (1896-1990)

English writer

You can talk of your whiskey and talk of your beer,
There's something much nicer that's waiting here,
It sits on the fire beneath the gum tree,
There's nothing much nicer than a quart pot of tea.

Taken from a Charters Towers recipe book.

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Proverb

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths right.
Proverbs 3:5-6**

Farriers and Blacksmiths News

A workshop for the North Queensland Farriers and Blacksmith's Association was held at the Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports grounds on the 5th and 6th August with 10 attending blacksmiths and Terry Drennan from Toowoomba, officiating. It was a great weekend with all attending. The men made a fire stoker and scraper the first day and BBQ utensils the second day. They used fusion welding methods and coal fired furnaces supplied for heating and bending the metal into intricate designs and uses. Many thanks to the sports club for the use of the facilities for the two days.

The group is hoping to follow up with a Farriers workshop week end in the not to distance future. If any one is interested you can contact Kev Tighe on 49341430

By Bryce Jackson

Equestrian News.

Congratulations to Madison Rosenberg.

Madison won the Champion Junior Rider 7 – 17yrs at the Crompton Park Gymkhana on the weekend. She also came second in her age group as well as winning the Barrel Race, Sporting Figure of Eight, and Rider Class. Madison came second in the Scudda –Ho.

Ridgelands Show News

Congratulations to
Kirsty Fossert
for running second
in the
Miss Showgirl
at the Brisbane
Exhibition.

COOKERY CORNER

CREAMED RICE PUDDING

500 mls milk

½cup white rice

1 tablespoon caster sugar

½ teaspoon vanilla essence

1 egg, lightly beaten

2 teaspoons brown sugar

Bring milk to boil in large pan. Add rice; simmer, stirring occasionally, over a low heat, for about 35 minutes or until rice is tender.

Stir in sugar and vanilla, continue stirring until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat. Stir in egg until combined.

Sprinkle with brown sugar to serve.

Compliment with your favourite fruit.

Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club



On the 12, 13 August, Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club hosted the Capricornia Zone Polocrosse Championships for 2006 in conjunction with Ikers Rodeo on Saturday night. Alton Downs fielded it's strongest contingent for the season with 3 Senior Teams and a Junior Team.

The teams for the weekend consisted of:

Alton Downs 1

Ian Stewart
Paul O'Sullivan
Mark Jacques
Alan Vaughan
Byrce Jackson
Craig Roberts

Alton Downs 2

Mick O'Sullivan
Davina Roberts
Paul Chippendale
Casey O'Sullivan
Rebecca Heinemann
Reg Booth

Alton Downs 3

Linda Booth
Cassandra Booth
Katie Reeve
Carolyn Dodds
Greg Campbell

Alton Downs Juniors

Jock Purcell
Lachlan Dodds
Danica O'Sullivan
Zara O'Sullivan
John Booth
Alex Purcell

RESULTS FROM THE WEEKEND

A Grade ~ Australian Country Living

Winners ~ Calliope 1
Runners Up ~ Bauhinia 1
Best & Fairest Lady ~ Penny Kelly (Bauhinia)
Best & Fairest Mens ~ Grant Olsen (Calliope)

B Grade ~ PJ's Pet Barn

Winners ~ Alton Downs 1
Runners Up ~ St Lawrence/Nebo 1
Best & Fairest Lady ~ Norma Pengelly (Calliope)
Best & Fairest Mens ~ Brett Edminstone (Bauhinia)

C Grade ~ The Shed Company

Winners ~ Emerald 1
Runners Up ~ Alton Downs 2
Best & Fairest Lady ~ Rebecca Heinemann (Alton Downs)
Best & Fairest Mens ~ Paul Chippendale (Alton Downs)

Junior Competition ~ Ridley Agri Products

Winners ~ Alton Downs Jnrs
Runners Up ~ St Lawrence Jnrs
Best & Fairest Girl ~ Danica O'Sullivan (Alton Downs)
Best & Fairest ~ Jock Purcell (Alton Downs)

THANK YOU

A special thank you must go to all our volunteers who ran the canteen and bar for the weekend. Without these people, it would have been a hungry and sober weekend and we are grateful for the many hours you put in behind the scenes.

Thank you to our commentator Peter Hunt who was never stuck for words and ensured that teams were on time for games and the spectators were keep entertained and up to date with the action on the fields.

Thank you to the volunteers for the perfect presentation of the fields and surrounding areas, we appreciate the hours that were put in to preparation of these.

Thank you to Graham Iker of Iker's Rodeo Promotions for the Rodeo held Saturday night, it is getting bigger and bigger each year and look forward to working with you next year.

A final thank you to everyone who assisted with the smooth running of the carnival, remember every little bit counts.

UPCOMING EVENTS/OTHER NEWS

Alton Downs Junior Player to Represent QLD at the Nationals

Alton Downs Junior Club member, Jock Purcell and his horse 'Bugsy' are off to Camden NSW to represent Queensland at the Nationals in October 2006. This is Jock's first Nationals debut and we wish him all the best. Go get 'em Jock!!!!

Come & Try and Mini Carnival Weekend

For all those kids (and big kids) out there who would like to 'have a go', we hope to run a practice day and mini carnival sometime in the next couple of months to give you a taste in preparation for next season. Everyone is welcome. Further details will be made available shortly..... watch this space!!

Regards, Davina Roberts, PR Officer, Alton Downs Polocrosse Club (07) 49341119

WHAT'S ON

Rhee Tae Kwon Do
At Alton Downs
Polocrosse
and Sports Club
Tuesday nights, 6.30pm
49223737

Ridgeland's Hall Ass'n Inc.

Spring time Barbecue &
Fancy Dress
9th Sept, 2006
6.30 pm start
Karoake, Raffles,
Licensed Bar, Prizes for
best boy & girl costumes,
Under 8yrs & 8 – 12
years. Lots of fun for
everyone.

ALBUM MAKING CLASSES

Sept 5th Tuesday
9 am – 2.30 pm
North Rocky Bowls Club
\$10 workshop fee
Free tea & coffee

Sept 24th Sunday
9 am – 5 pm
Venue to be advised

Sept 25th Monday
9 am – 3 pm
Dalma School Library
\$10 workshop fee
Morning & afternoon tea
provided
Bring your own lunch.

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MEETINGS

**Ridgeland's Show
Meeting A.G.M**
13th Sept, 2006,
7.30pm
Bring a plate for supper.
Visitors welcome

QCWA
Ridgeland's 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

**Ridgeland's
P&C Meeting**
Next Meeting
Tuesday 19th September
7.30pm
Phone: 49345518

BARN SERVICE

Sunday 17th September
St Lukes Anglican Church Wandal
invites everyone to a Church
Service
in the Barn at John and Jenny
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Please bring a friend and join us
for
a hearty morning tea afterwards.
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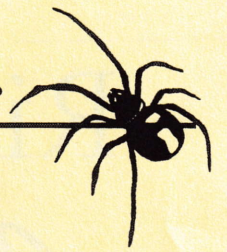
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COUNTRY FAIR

1pm SATURDAY

AUGUST 26th

FUN, FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT

- ★ BBQ, Bar & Karaoke till late
- ★ Trash & Treasure
- ★ Multi-draw Raffle
- ★ Bottle Stall
- ★ Plants & Crafts
- ★ Cakes & Sweets
- ★ Body Shop Massages
- ★ Jewellery
- ★ Poetry Competition
- ★ Card Making
- ★ Fashion Parade by Georges
- ★ Folly Foot Line Dancers
- ★ Joey's Poetry
- ★ Capricorn District Country Music Association
- ★ Frog Hop & Red Claw Races
- ★ Ridgelands Singing & Signing Choirs
- ★ Songs by Paula
- ★ Ice-cream Eating Competition

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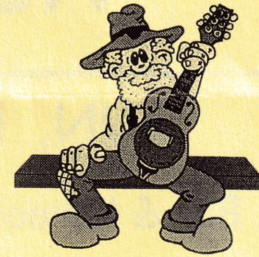
Ridgeland's State School

Country Fair Entertainment

2pm Capricorn District Country Music Association
* Multi-Draw Raffle

2:30pm Folly Foot Line Dancers

3pm Fashion Parade by George's
* Multi-Draw Raffle



3:30pm Joey's Poetry

4pm Songs by Paula
* Multi-Draw Raffle

4:30pm Ridgeland's Signing Choir performs
'Shine'
Ridgeland's Singing Choir performs
'When Our Voices Join Together'

5pm Ice-cream Eating Competition
* Multi-Draw Raffle

5:30pm Frog Hop & Red Claw Races

6pm Karaoke, Bar & BBQ tea

