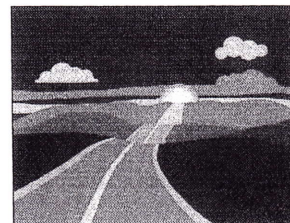


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A History of the Ridgeland & District Rodeo & Show Association Inc.

A public meeting was called for the 12th September, 1949 to form a Rodeo Committee. An attendance of 35 was recorded, all present becoming members. Membership was decided at 5/- per person. Several members offered to supply timber for the building of yards and arena fences and a working bee was arranged for the construction thereof.

It was decided at a meeting held on December 22nd to affiliate the Rodeo with the Australian Rough Riders Association. The first campdraft and Rodeo was arranged to be held on January 28th 1950 and 100 head of cattle was required.

Three campdrafts and rodeos were held in the year of 1950 - January, May and October. They were all one day events with a ball at night which was packed on all three occasions.

A campdraft and rodeo was held annually until 1959 excluding 1958.

A campdraft and bullock ride was organised by Mr Vic Priddle, a then district resident in 1961. The proceeds were in aid of Hillcrest Hospital.

By virtue of a series of drought years through the early sixties the organisation closed down until 1967 when a meeting was called to decide its future.

The committee was reformed and it was decided to hold a campdraft and rodeo on November 18th 1967. Considerable improvements had to be carried out to the yards and grounds. As the year progressed it became very dry it and it was decided to have only the rodeo events together with the horse sport events.

In 1971 it was decided to affiliate with the Australian Bushman's Carnival Association with the advantage of having insurance for committee and competitors, the upcoming function to be held on April 10th.

In 1972, there being no Campdraft or rodeo in the near vicinity it was decided to run at Easter which proved to be an admirable time and this committee has opted for Easter events ever since except for an odd Easter when it has been too wet or too dry. In 1975 a considerable upgrade was made to the yards mostly by voluntary labour and the purchase of a considerable quantity of sawn timber that became available from the demolition of the old Rockhampton wharf.

At a meeting in early 1980 it was decided to upgrade the arena fence as the existing fence contributed a risk by virtue of cattle breaking rails and jumping out. An application for fundraising from the Department of Recreation and Sport proved successful and a 33% subsidy was forthcoming. The line of thought by authorities in that era was "subsidy was available only to organisations where human beings were the sole participants" and where animals were deemed to be income earning and thus self sufficient. Thus this arena fence, which is 25 years old, is second to none in the Campdraft and Rodeo world and the arena surface is similar.

The rockblock office was built soon after, principally by voluntary labour.

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Through the late 70's and early 80's taxation became a problem but was eventually resolved by amendments to the constitution including the word Show in the name and conducting show events at the campdraft and rodeo. The sport of campdrafting has boomed over the past 25 years and at the present time numbers of competitors have to be restricted to time available and the availability of cattle. The committee is very appreciative of the generosity of cattle donors who are the backstop of the campdrafting world.

The degree of improvements, most having been performed by voluntary labour and the supply of all round timber by members is a credit to our community.

These facilities are used by other organisations and in particular the pony clubs of the surrounding area. A recent improvement partially funded by the Gambling Fund Community Benefits is a new fence surrounding the camp and marshalling area which was built with steel, with further improvement on the drawing board hopefully before next Easter.

Kevin Watts.

This newsletter is sponsored by:

The Ridgeland and District Rodeo and Show Assn Inc

Winners make it happen, Losers let it happen.

Biodiversity and Regional Ecosystem Workshops for CQ

Over the next couple of months, landholders throughout Central Queensland will have the opportunity to attend workshops that will assist them in understanding what biodiversity and regional ecosystems are and what they can offer in regards to property management and planning.

"These workshops provide an opportunity for all landholders, big or small, to access information that is crucial for any vegetation or property management activity," said Joe Halloran, Property Planning Officer for Greening Australia Queensland Inc.

In conjunction with the Fitzroy Basin Association, Greening Australia Queensland will deliver free half day workshops. "These workshops are aimed at increasing a landholder's existing knowledge and understanding of regional ecosystems and biodiversity and being able to use them in a practical way for property management."

A total of 10 workshops will be conducted around the region, with four workshops having been successfully run to date. Future workshop locations, dates and times are listed below, with more to be announced shortly.

Location	Date	Time
Gracemere Saleyards	Wednesday 27 th of September	9am-1pm
Lotus Creek	Friday 6 th of October	1pm-4:30pm
Duaringa	Friday 20 th of October	1pm-4:30pm
Rockhampton	Wednesday 24 th of November	9am-1pm
Clermont	Tuesday 5 th of December	9am-1pm
Springsure	Wednesday 6 th of December	9am-1pm

Landholders who register interest at least two weeks before the date of the workshop can receive a free map with regional ecosystem information of their property.

Light refreshments will also be provided on the day.

To seek further information, or to register for one of these workshops please contact Greening Australia Queensland on 07 4923 7541 or email Joe Halloran at jhalloran@qld.greeningaustralia.org.au.

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Strange Sightings at Ridgelsands Hall.

Saturday night, 9th September saw the Ridgelsands Hall Association Incorporated hold their Springtime barbecue and Fancy Dress.

There were all sorts of fancy dress costumes, some of which included fairies, an Amigo from Mexico, a belly dancer, police officers, a devil woman, witches and some of the Wiggles (Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the octopus and Captain Feathersword). Even a nun put in an appearance. The judges, Jean Shannon, Audrey Perry and Margaret Williamson had a hard time picking the winners. We all sang and danced well into the night with Karaoke entertainment supplied by Ursula and Steve Colgan.

A delicious barbecue tea was organised by the Hall Committee ladies with Rob Chippendale and Mark Stanke on barbecue cooking duties. A light supper was served later.

Everyone enjoyed the night with lots of great comments from the people who attended. A big thank you to all those who came out to brave the cold and make it a successful night.

Other upcoming events for the Hall Committee include a Melbourne Cup Sweep for November. Sweep tickets are available by contacting Kay Milner 49345 137 at \$2 each. A Christmas themed night for the 16th December is also planned. Watch this space for more details on these events.

Fancy Dress winners were:

Tiny Tots Winners:

Clown (Benny Barlow)

Commando (Morgan May)

Under 8 Winners:

Police Officer (Kealan Thompson)

Fairy (Jade Spencer)

8-12 year old Winners:

A Cat (Talesha Spencer)

Cher (Raymond Shepherd)

Adult Winners:

Viking (Jack Sleaford)

Dolly Parton (Emma White)

Apology

This October Issue of Around The Ridges Newsletter was posted on 21/09/2006. Unfortunately 160 of our newsletters were mislaid so this is a reprint of the October Issue. Our sincere apologies to any persons or groups who have been inconvenienced.

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WHAT'S ON

Rhee Tae Kwon Do

At Alton Downs
Polocrosse
and Sports Club
Tuesday nights, 6.30pm
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Alton Downs Hall

Assoc Inc
Old Time Dance
7th Oct 2006
Man In Black

QCWA Ridgелands

Opening of New Front
Fence by Mr Jim Pearce
On Saturday 28th October
American Tennis
Tournament 3 pm
Barbecue.

The Big excitement will
be the QCWA Ridgелands
Family Feud.

Gold coin donation will be
appreciated at the gate for
the evening entertainment.

All welcome.

Alton Downs Hall

Old Time Dance
28th October 2006
"To Can Band"

NOTICES.

Happy Birthday
Jade Spencer
10th October

Ridgелands Show News.

The following office bearers were elected at the
AGM:

Chairman: Rob Bishop
Vice Chairman: Ken Stewart & Stewart Jones
Secretary: Kelly Tomkins
Assistant Secretary: Julann Chippendale
Treasurer: Kerry Malcolm
Patroness: Margaret Stewart
Mr Arthur MacDonald, Chairman of the CQ Sub
Chamber
of Show Committees, gave a talk at the AGM.

As water reflects
a face,
so a man's heart
reflects the man.
Proverbs 27:19

Work expands so as to
fill the time available
for its completion.
Parkinson's Law.

MEETINGS

Ridgелands Show

11th October, 2006,
7.30pm
Bring a plate for supper.
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

Next Meeting
Tuesday 17th October
7.30pm
Phone: 49345518

RECIPE CORNER

Lamington Butterfly Cakes

2 dozen patty cakes (own choice)

3 cups desiccated coconut

1 cup thickened cream, whipped

Chocolate Sauce

4 cups icing-sugar mixture

1/3 cup cocoa

2/3 cup milk

15g butter

Sift icing-sugar and cocoa together into a
heatproof bowl. Blend milk and butter in.

Sit bowl over a pan of gently simmering
water, stirring until smooth.

Place coconut in a large bowl. Coat each
cake in chocolate sauce. Transfer to coconut,
tossing to coat evenly. Stand on wire rack to
harden.

When coating is firm, use a sharp-pointed
knife to cut a circle from top of each cake.
Slice circle in half to make two "wings".

Fill cavities with cream. Place wings on top.

Handy Hints: Cakes are easier to handle if
they have been in the fridge.

Use a slotted spoon to coat cakes with sauce.
A double saucepan is ideal to heat the sauce
mixture.

A soft butter icing can be used instead of cream.

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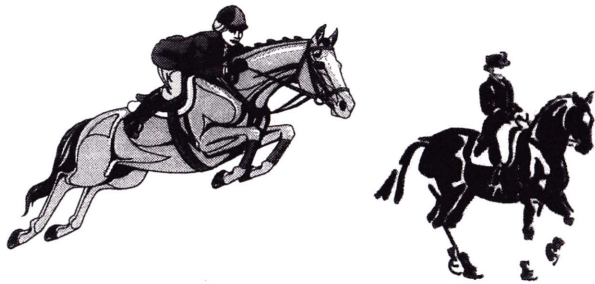
Jokes

Why did they put gates around the cemetery ?

How much do dead batteries cost?

Why shouldn't you tell jokes while iceskating?

Because everyone was dying to get in.
Nothing. They're free of charge.
The ice might crack up.



Waroula

EQUESTRIANS ASSOCIATION INC

The Waroula Equestrian group was formed in January 1996. The aim of the club is to foster and promote equestrian sports within the Fitzroy and Rockhampton region.

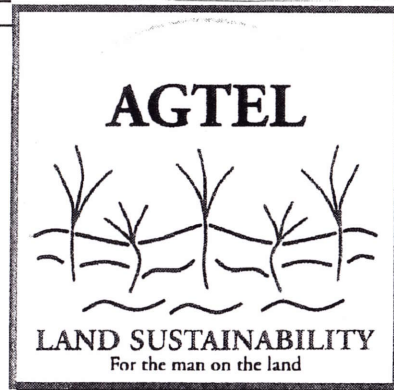
Waroula Equestrians is affiliated with the EFA (Equestrian Federation of Australia) the governing body for equestrian disciplines in Australia.

Grant Paddison (President)
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Tracey Jongedyk (Secretary)
Phone: 07 4926 1696

OBJECTIVES

- To provide regular competitions, schools and rally days.
- To cater for a wide range of equestrian disciplines including Hacking, Dressage, Show Jumping, Eventing and Equitation.
- To encourage new and young riders to develop their riding skills.
- To provide support and opportunities for riders at all ages and varying levels of experience.
- To provide professional advice from equestrian speakers and experienced qualified coaches.
- To compliment and attract participation from Central Queensland Equestrian Clubs.
- To develop the standard of the Waroula Recreational Reserve facilities while ensuring a safe venue for riders (including constructing a Cross Country Course to the EFA and Pony Club standards).
- To hold an annual sponsored Waroula Championship Event offering rugs for the overall winners of each discipline.
- To provide social interaction opportunities for equestrian riders, members and the community.
- To offer a wide range of benefits to members.



Waroula Show Jumping and Dressage Championships

Sunday, 24th September 2006

Waroula has planned its biggest CHAMPIONSHIP for Show Jumping and Dressage competitors. The event will be held at Ridglands Show Grounds on the 24th September.

Competitors are really excited about the event as there is excellent cash prize money (All Classes - 1st \$30, 2nd \$20 & 3rd \$10) to be won and 12 prize horse rugs are up for grabs. These quality prizes are not often seen in our type of equestrian sports. Thanks to our supporter AGTEL.

This event has been made possible by our supporter AGTEL. AGTEL is a business owned and operated by Angela Miners. It was formed to assist the man on the land obtain Total Land Sustainability. This is achieved by providing relevant and understandable information from a practical and legal perspective.

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