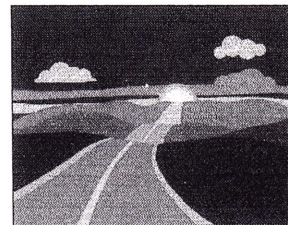


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



Issue 39 December 2006

A community and school newsletter.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our loyal readers for your support during 2006. We look forward to your continued support in 2007. We especially would like to thank our sponsors and CBD advertisers without whom the newsletter would not be printed each month. Our next newsletter will be printed at the end of January. All contributions to be faxed 49345565, phoned 49341132 or emailed aroundtheridges@eq.edu.au by 15th January, 2007, please.

Have a Happy Christmas.

Be an Angel this Christmas

The most stressful thing you probably face on Christmas Eve is thinking you've probably prepared far too much food for the festive day ahead and you will be eating left over for a week, or how are you going to sneak that bike in under the tree without the children knowing before Christmas morning.

As you stop to think it all through, spare a thought for those families on Christmas Eve who are stressed because there may be no food on the table at all and no gifts for the children.

Christmas is such a special time to celebrate family. For some families though, Christmas is just another reminder of their harsh reality and it becomes a harrowing time for them – unable to buy gifts for their children or provide a special meal on Christmas Day. Some people may not even have a family to be with at all.

If you can't spare some change this festive season why not buy a food item or a gift for someone in need? Food and unwrapped gifts can be dropped at reception at the Anglicare Central Queensland Corporate Office at level 2/212 Quay Street, Rockhampton.

Gift suggestions overleaf.

Please understand that while many people love to give a traditional fluffy toy at Christmas time this leaves us a shortfall for gifts for boys and teenagers. We also need to know what's in the package, so please don't wrap the gifts, as they will all have to be inspected and allocated correctly for age, gender.

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Our family Geoff, myself, Suzy, and children Jessie, Chris and Kate have purchased Neville and Julie Schultz' property at Moses Road, Morinish, and would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. We recently moved here from Yeppoon where we owned and operated *Coastal Pet and Produce*. Before this Geoff and I established and ran a dairy and cattle fattening enterprise on irrigated pasture in Monto, as well as country in the Harrami district.

In July this year we purchased *Dick Graham Livestock* from Dick and Rosemary Graham. We are in the process of incorporating this business with *Ray White Rural*. Geoff and I are committed to continuing to offer the same excellent service that Dick and Rosemary have previously provided, with the additional benefits of the extensive *Ray White Rural* network.

We look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks and welcome any queries or concerns. Please feel free to contact us on either of the following numbers:

Office: (07) 49317315

Mobile: 0429317345

Food for Hampers	Gift Ideas
<p>Tins of fruit or vegetables Long life milk or custard Fruit cake Tinned ham Bottles of soft drink Make-up cordial Large bag of chips Tins of biscuits Bag of lollies (but no nuts for children please) Dried fruit</p> 	<p>Adults – Toiletries (male and /or female), travel mugs, towels, hats, socks, torches, vouchers, backpacks... Please remember that many of our guests at Christmas Lunch in the Park may be homeless or very poor and can't necessarily read or afford battery operated items.</p> <p>Boys – Football, books, games, cars any active sports items, action figures.</p> <p>Girls – Dolls, books, games, doll pram, textas or craft items.</p> <p>Teenage Boys – Cricket set, Beach towel, Radio, Watch, CD player, \$25 K-Mart gift voucher, backpacks, wallets, caps.</p> <p>Teenage Girls – Toiletries, Beach towel, \$25 K-Mart or Body Shop gift voucher, backpacks, purses or bags, hats.</p>

Ridgeland's Hall Association Inc News.

On 16th December the Ridgeland's Hall Association will be holding its Annual Community Christmas Party. This year, to get you in the mood for Christmas, we will be having a "Pig on a Spit" or roast beef, served with roast vegetables, followed by a traditional plum pudding and custard all at reasonable prices. Again Steve and Ursula Colgan will be providing Karaoke entertainment with a well stocked bar open till late. And of course, it won't be a Christmas Party without a visit from that jolly man in red, Santa. A Christmas tree will be on site with plenty of room under it for you to BYO a \$5 Christmas present for your child, to be handed out by Santa.

Our fun packed night will start at 6.30pm and go late into the night. A gold coin will get you entry into this fun evening of entertainment.

Also on the night, there will be a couple of brief speeches thanking the Gaming Fund for their funding towards the painting of the Hall.

The Hall Committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank the community for all your support over the last 12 months and hope to see you at many more of our community functions.

The winners of the Melbourne Cup sweep were:

1st Place: Mavis Phipps

2nd Place: John Milner

3rd Place: G. Eistrich.

Congratulations to you all

And finally, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and very wet New Year.

Carol Spencer.

Chairman: Rob Chippendale 49345564

Hall Bookings: Kay Milner 49345137

The right train of thought can lead you to a better station in life.

For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

Proverbs 23:7

Taken from: God's Little Instruction Book II.

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Ridgeland School News

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to all our Ridgeland's swimmers on their performance at the Alton Downs Swimming Carnival held at the Cresso pool on Thursday 09 Nov. It was a great day especially when we won. Congratulations also to the following students who were awarded "Grade Champion" medallions:

Grade 4 Boys: Connor Christensen;
Grade 4 Girls: Tegan Hunt;
Grade 5 Boys: Brad Mestrez;
Grade 5 Girls: Hannah Foxwell;
Grade 6 Girls: Emma Keily; and
Grade 7 Boys: Jordan Thompson.

I would especially like to thank all the teachers and staff who worked all day, many without a break, to ensure the carnival finished relatively on time. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and community members who came along and supported our team.

An Alton Downs' swimming team to compete at the Rocky District carnival on Tue 28 Nov was selected.

Our Alton Downs' sports teams continue to do well in the Rocky competition on Friday afternoons, with Curtis Duff recently bowling a "hat trick" in a "maiden" over against Rocky Grammar in our Junior cricket team. In his first two overs he had 4 wickets for only two runs scored. A great effort.

Congratulations also to Melinda Lovell who has placed "Third" in grade 5 in the Central Queensland area Japanese handwriting competition. That is a great result. It is great to see the number of ex Ridgeland's students who have received awards at their respective High Schools recently. On Wednesday 08 Nov I attended the Rockhampton State High School's Awards' night and was pleased to see the following receive awards:

Academic.

Top Ten Awards

Year 9: Stephanie Ruddick

Year 10: Kelsie West

Year 11 Subject Awards.

Communication English: Deanne Pritchard

Industry Skills; Isaac Dodds

Year 12 Subject Awards.

Industry Skills: Kurt Stanke (Dalma)

Physical Education: Jodie West

Senior Health: Jodie West

Special Awards.

Consistent Achiever Junior School: Kelsie West

School Based trainee/Apprentice of the Year Bursary: Terry Titmarsh

Other awards are as follows:

The Cathedral College

Year 8

Travis Duff -

Study of Society and Environment, Science,
Industrial Technology and Design.

Andrew Hunt -

Physical Education, Computing Skills

Kayla Whitehead -

Religious Education, Mathematics, Study of
Society and Environment, Drama and Science.

Year 9

Anna Reeve -

Drama

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Year 11

Kyle Stanke -
Erica Ward -

Technology Studies
Japanese

Medals for Academic Excellence – Semester 1
Travis Duff and Erica Ward

Year 9

Jacqueline Fossett -

Girls Grammar School

Yvonne Turner Bursary for Dux of Year,
Mathematics Prize, Science Prize, Japanese Prize,
Home Economics Prize.

Year 12

Lacey-Jae O'Halloran -

Academic Merit, Les & Emily Duthie Bursary for
Scholarship, Sportsmanship, Culture and Character,
Eccles Perpetual Valedictorian Trophy, Elizabeth
Grant Cup for Senior Oratory.

On Mon 06 Nov, selected students from Ridglands and Alton Downs' rugby league teams attended the Broncos Coaching Clinic at Brown Park where they had their photos taken with the NRL Premiership Trophy and had a great time. Our thanks to those parents/ family members who supported the visit by providing transport.

The school "Fun Run" was held on Tuesday 31 Oct. All who participated were congratulated on their efforts and sportsmanship. We also thanked Mrs Ruddick for organising such an interesting and fun-filled "Fun Run." Unicorns are still celebrating as they have won the "John Mouritz" Trophy for the first time. Age results were:

FUN RUN

BOYS

6YRS 1st Travis Turner
Simpson
2nd Ben Ried
Chippendale
7YRS 1st Joshua Hunt
2nd Jayden Bean
3rd Joel Estreich
8YRS 1st Daniel Stanke
2nd Henry Balmain
Mikayla Munro
3rd David Foxwell
McQuillan
9YRS 1st Connor Christensen
Thompson
2nd Geoffrey Morrison
10YRS 1st Curtis Duff
2nd Matthew Whitehead
Lovell
3rd Jack Daniel
Cooper
11YRS 1st Steele Keily

GIRLS

6YRS 1st Pagen
2nd Robyn
3rd Ellie Frankish
7YRS 1st Taivia Dunne
2nd Katie Cooper
3rd Sophie Stanke
8YRS 1st Peta Mestrez
2nd
3rd Laura
9YRS 1st Lauren
2nd Tessa Harney
3rd Kiah Barney
10YRS 1st Tayla Stanke
2nd Melinda
3rd Savanna
11YRS 1st Zoe Spencer

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- 2nd Mitch Reeve
- 3rd Lachlan Hunt
- 12YRS 1st Jordan Thompson
- 2nd Luke Ruddick
- Turner
- 3rd Adam Estreich
- Rosenberg

- 2nd Georgia Keily
- 3rd Emma Keily
- 12YRS 1st Emma Stanke
- 2nd Rhianon
- 3rd Madison

Our "Ridgeland's Idol" participants also performed brilliantly last month. It was great to have so many parents and community members come along and support it. The results were:

Junior (Years 1-3) - Lorraine Hallam singing Kasey Chambers song 'Barricades and Brick Walls.'

Senior (Years 4-7) - Zoe Spencer, Emma Keily, Melinda Lovell and Tayla Stanke dancing to L-O-V-E.

Our new adventure playgrounds will probably be installed in December or January. As the firm has a number of orders to fill, they cannot as yet give me a confirmed date.

We continue to edge closer to getting "After School Care" up and running for next year. We have installed a new concrete path and are waiting on quotes for hand rails which have to be installed to get our building compliance. Hopefully it will be downhill from there.

The school concert will be held on Wednesday 15 Dec at the Ridgeland's Hall commencing at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

Regards Mick Byrne

Jack Wright – Raine and Horne Rockhampton

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jack Wright and I work for Raine & Horne Rockhampton and I specialize in rural property sales. I commenced work with Raine and Horne in March 2006.

I relocated in 2004 from Baralaba where for 20 years I ran my own mixed cattle and farming property where we bred Droughtmaster cattle and Australian Stock Horses. We moved due to my son's ill health, as we needed to be closer to medical attention for him. We purchased property in the Alton Downs area where we now live and continue fattening cattle and breeding horses. In my short time I have had some success in rural sales receiving the quarterly award for rural sales from Raine & Horne QLD for the most sales for the June 06 quarter for the whole state.

To date I have sold almost \$12,000,000 worth of properties in the Alton Downs/Ridgeland's/ Gracemere/ Marmor area ranging in size from 4 acres to 3,000 acres with what would be considered above average prices achieved. With my 20 years experience in the rural industry I do understand vegetation and farming practices as well as the cattle and horse industry.

I am local so if I can help you with a no obligation appraisal or assist in the marketing of your property please do not hesitate to call me on Mobile 0427-981372 or at the office on 07-49210655

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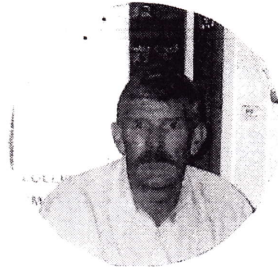
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BBQ Dinner

FAREWELL TO MICK & VAL MCALLISTER

LIVE Entertainment

Mick and Val are leaving the area, so we are throwing them
a send off and you and your family are invited.
25 November 2006 @ 6pm



WHERE

Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club
Stanwell / Waroula Road
Alton Downs QLD 4702

Contact: Alex Reid
Phone (07) 4934 1124

Ridgeland's & District Rodeo/Show Assoc. Inc.

We have received a Grant from the Fitzroy Shire
Council & the Stanwell Power Station for a rain
water tank & stand to put drinking water at the
secretary's office. Our Association would like to
thank the Fitzroy Shire Council & the Stanwell
Power Station for their support.

Robert White (Chairman)

CHOC-PEANUT BALLS

1 cup crunchy peanut spread

50g butter, softened

1 cup icing-sugar mixture

2 cups Kelloggs Coco Pops

1x375g milk Choc Melts, melted

1½ teaspoons vegetable oil

Beat butter, peanut spread and icing- sugar in a small
bowl with an electric mixer until combined. Stir in Coco
Pops; mix well.

Roll teaspoons of mixture into balls; place on baking
paper-lined trays. Refrigerate until firm.

Combine Choc Melts and oil in a bowl; mix well.

Using two forks, dip one ball at a time into chocolate
mixture; drain excess chocolate. Return to trays.

Refrigerate until set.

Makes about 50.

Cookery Corner

*Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year to all*

From the cooks corner.

Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club



On 11 & 12 November 2006, the Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club hosted a *Beginner Introductory to Polocrosse* Weekend which was well attended by juniors and adults who up until now had been competing in horse sports other than Polocrosse.

This weekend was run by The Queensland Polocrosse State Coaching Director and long time Alton Downs player and member, Alex Reid.

With ample coaches on hand for the weekend, all participants received invaluable knowledge on the sport of Polocrosse and are eagerly awaiting their next chance to get together with their family and friends and play as part of a team with their best mates, their horses.

After Saturday's team building, racquet etiquette, horse care, and introduction to the sport many participants discovered 'new' muscles and sat down to dinner with excited chatter after the days events, content and yet eager to start the new day. Our junior girls were keen and chomping at the 'bit' for more, more and more, camping the weekend and getting involved in everything that was on offer. We also had our youngest participant announce to mum that for Christmas, all she wants is 'stuff' for Polocrosse' much to Mum's dismay (who was considering selling the float). A fun and hot weekend was enjoyed by all with many wishing that we were at the start on the season rather than the end.

With the success of this weekend, we hope to hold another *Beginner Introductory to Polocrosse* day and/or weekend in March 2007, followed by our sign-on day later in the month and then it is full swing into practices every Sunday from April on, leading up to our first carnival at Capella on 19, 20 May 2007.

Thank you to all of our participants for the weekend, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and will be back for more when we saddle up again in March 2007.

A thank you must also go to everyone who gave up their time to assist with the smooth running of the weekend including our coaches, cooks, bar staff and also our 'technical' guru. Thank you.

If there is anyone who would like to be added to the mailing list for Beginner Polocrosse Weekends or would like any other further information regarding Polocrosse please don't hesitate to contact me on the contact details below.

Regards

Davina Roberts
PR Officer
Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club
Phone: (07) 4934 1119



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Geoff McNamara	

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Association.

The Fitzroy Area Ratepayers Association had its AGM on the 6th November. Just to clarify a point so that people don't feel excluded, the Northern area is considered from about Alton Downs up. We mostly talk to Councillors about road problems etc that people may have. This face to face contact is very effective in getting results and getting to know your Council.

Next year we will meet in April, July and November. Dates will be posted in Around the Ridges and on the ABC rural report. Please feel free to come.

John Ellrott Secretary 49345115

WHAT'S ON

Rhee Tae Kwon Do

At Alton Downs Polocrosse
& Sports Club
Tuesday nights, 6.30pm
49 22 3737

Ridgelands Hall Assn Inc Community Christmas Party

On Saturday 16th December
6.30pm till late
Pig on Spit, Santa &
Christmas tree
BYO \$5 gift for your child.
Gold coin entry to cover
entertainment costs.
ALL WELCOME

Date Claimer.

Australia Day
Celebrations at the
Alton Downs
Polocrosse & Sports
Club

Notice for all Residents,
Clubs & Committees in
Fitzroy Shire

The Fitzroy Shire Council
maybe able to assist financially
with activities in your area.
Club and committee representatives
and any interested residents are
invited to an information night at
the Ridgelands C.W.A. room on
Monday, December 4th at 7pm.
For more information contact
Dell - 49345145 or
Rachelle - 49315441.

Jokes

What grows bigger the more you take from it?
What flies forever and rests never?
What has teeth but cannot bite?
What has an eye but cannot see?

A hole in the ground.
The wind.
A comb.
A needle.

NOTICES

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*Wishing you a
Happy Christmas.*

MEETINGS

Ridgelands Show Meeting

Please note, meeting has
been brought forward
Wednesday 6th December,
2006.
7.30pm
Visitors welcome

QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets
9.30 am 1st Wednesday of
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Stitch and Chat Group

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Wishing you a GREAT New Year!

Landcare News

Morinish Landcare held its AGM
on the 8th November. The FRCC
put on an information session on
giant rats tail grass and it is
pleasing to note that strategies can
be put in place to contain it and
more importantly the selective
chemical Tussock will kill the
pest.

New office bearers are
John Ellrott – President,
Shane Melkis – Secretary,
Nick Alexander – Treasurer.
Next meeting will be second
Wednesday of February, 2007.
Thank you
John Ellrott 49345115.

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6PM**



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- FUN AND GAMES**

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