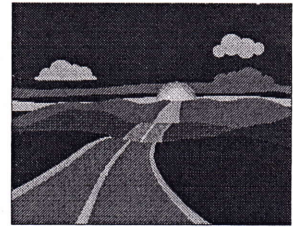


# AROUND THE RIDGES

## and a bit beyond



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## PROJECTS GALORE AT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL!!

### Ridgeland State School News.

In December 2006 I received the great news that our P & C Association had been awarded approximately \$70,000 (excluding GST), from the Federal government's "Investing in Schools" Scheme for three projects at the school.

The first and biggest project, (\$58,000), involves the installation of a covered games area in the school grounds. The covered games area will comprise an 18 m x 10 m shelter shed with a rockblock wall at one end, mounted on a concrete slab. Attached to the back wall will be a 4 m x 3 m storage shed with a concrete floor. Power is to be connected to the structure to allow for the installation of lights, including floodlights, and powerpoints.

The other two projects will cost approximately \$6,000 each and involve an upgrade of the tuckshop and a refurbishment of the staff room.

Combined with the current projects for the new playgrounds and shade structure, (\$78,000); and refurbishment of the office, we will be spending in excess of \$158,000 (excluding GST) on the school in the next six months. This does not include the external painting of the office and library buildings which will be paid by Q Build, thanks to Robert Schwarten and Jim Pearce; and should be finished by the time our students return to school.

Jack Wright	Raine & Horne
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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jack Wright and I work for Raine & Horne Rockhampton and I specialise 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 that we used for campdrafting and contract mustering. I was a founding secretary of the Baralaba Bottletree Charity Campdraft, A.S.H. Campdraft as well as the Baralaba Pony Club.

We moved due to my son's ill health, as we needed to be closer to medical attention for him. We purchased 3 properties 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 and September 07 quarter for the whole state of Qld. To date I have sold almost \$14,000,000 worth of properties in the Alton Downs Ridgeland/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 maps and farming practices as well as the cattle and horse industry.

With a high demand for "Tree Change" properties and with new comers to the Rockhampton area realising that Alton Downs and Ridgeland are so close to the city centre (1 traffic light), Alton Downs and Ridgeland is fast becoming the growth centre of this area.

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

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### School News Continued.

Our new adventure playgrounds are being installed in the week beginning the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January and at least one should be operational when our students return the next week. Our Early Education Centre (Prep/1/2 classroom) has had a "computer bank" facility installed over the holidays which included an electrical upgrade with eight new double power-points and a safety switch; and is soon to be cabled and connected to the school's internet service.

I would like to give special thanks here to the "Around the Ridges" newsletter committee who have provided \$3,000 towards the cost of the above facility. This is in addition to donations of hundreds of dollars for books for our library and other projects since the newsletter's inception. It takes a lot of time and effort to get this community newsletter out each month, but I can assure you all that your work is very much appreciated; especially by the Ridgeland School community. We also appreciate the support given by the advertisers and readers of this great community asset.

On Monday 11 December we held our final Ridgeland Redback Parade for 2006 with Trish Ruddick as our special guest presenter. We congratulated the following Ridgeland Redback awardees for term 4. They were: MacKenzie Weier, Bridie Weier, Zoe Spencer, Brodie Christensen, Kel Booth, Tyla Nelson and Emma-Lee May. Equestrian Redback recipients were: Zoe Spencer, Joshua Hunt and Emma Stanke

We also thanked the following parents:

**Equestrian:** Naomie Moss, Lynelle & Kevin Rosenberg, Caroline & Allan O'Sullivan, Paige Barney, Grant Paddison, Sonya & Tony Turner, Weier Family, Robyn & Michael Hunt, Clyde Stanke, Suzie Christensen.

**Softball:** Paige Barney (coach) and Sonya Turner

**Swimming:** Greg Weier, Kelli Tomkins, Kate Perrin-Dunne, Lynne Foxwell  
Our Alton Downs' Inter-school sport presentations for summer sport 2006 were held at Port Curtis State School. The following Ridgeland students were awarded trophies:

Luke Ruddick – Best bowler – Senior cricket;  
Jordan Thompson – Best bat – Senior cricket;  
Curtis Duff – Best bowler – Junior cricket;  
Brodie Christensen – Best bat - Junior cricket;  
Tiarna Munro - Most improved - Senior softball  
Jessie O'Sullivan - Most improved - Junior softball  
Taleesha Spencer - Most improved - Tee-ball

Thursday 25 January is a pupil-free day for school staff. They will be involved in professional development activities at the school. The school will be open for enrolments etc from Wed 24 January. Monday 29 January is the first day back at school for all students.

Regards Mick Byrne PRINCIPAL

## RECIPE CORNER

### FRENCH LEMON CAKE

Grease a 20cm round cake pan; line base with baking paper.

Beat eggs, lemon rind, butter, milk, sugar and flour with an electric mixer for three minutes. Pour mixture into pan.

Cook in a moderate oven, 180°C, for about 50 minutes, or until cooked when tested. Stand cake in pan; pour over combined extra sugar and juice. Stand cake in pan for a further 15 minutes; turn onto wire rack. Serve cake warm.

2 teaspoons grated lemon rind  
2 eggs  
40g soft butter  
½ cup milk  
1½ cups self-raising flour  
1 cup caster sugar  
½ cup lemon juice  
extra ½ cup caster sugar

## Ridgelands Post Christmas Party for workers and sponsors.

Following are comments from the various speakers for the night.

The president, Rob Bishop, welcomed everyone and thanked them for another very successful show in 2006. It was unfortunate to see the Race Club close in 2006 after 82 years of race meetings at Ridgelands.

Rob particularly wanted to thank secretary Kellie Tomkins and Treasurer Kerry Malcolm for their support and assistance to the president. On show day these ladies work under a lot of pressure and keep the show running smoothly.

Arthur McDonald, Chairman of the C.Q. Sub Chamber of Show Societies, thanked Ridgelands Miss Showgirl, Miss Kirstie Fossett, for her great promotion of the Ridgelands Show.

In 2006 the Sub Chamber achieved a 15% decrease in costs for the show societies with regard to their Public Liability Insurance.

Mr. McDonald presented Ken Stewart and Sid Hoare with Meritorious Service Awards for their dedication and outstanding contribution to the QLD Show Movement. Mr. McDonald represents 17 shows and only 10 of these such awards have been awarded over these 17 shows. Congratulations to Ken and Sid.

Kirstie Fossett said she had enjoyed traveling to and around Mackay where she won the C.Q. Region Miss Showgirl. When in Brisbane representing the C.Q. region she lunched at Parliament House and dined with the Governor at Government House. Kirstie was runner-up for QLD in the Miss Showgirl Competition and thanked Ridgelands Show Committee for the opportunity to represent them. Kirstie hopes that Ridgelands Show will continue to have a Miss Showgirl representative in coming years.

George and Pat Robinson, who had lived in the Ridgelands district for 28 years, were keen to make a donation to the Show Society. Ridgelands district and the Ridgelands soil had been good to them. Their donation enabled the Show Society to upgrade the lighting in the Gordon Walters Memorial Pavilion and the guests witnessed the turning on of the new lights. It's now a much brighter pavilion! Our thanks to George and Pat.

John Reeve finished the night's speeches noting how motivated the Ridgelands Show Committee was in supporting new ideas for improving their show and making Show Day more interesting for the visitors. The Show holds the only working cow-horse competition in C.Q. with the support of the C.Q. Cutting Horse Assoc. Remember the 2007 Ridgelands Show is only about 6 months away.

### WELDING and BREAKING-IN

*Clint Jennings*

McKenzie Road

Phone: 49341636

#### 2006 Ridgelands Tennis Tournament

A Grade Boys Singles:	Winner—Jordan Thompson	Runner-up—Luke Ruddick
A Grade Girls Singles:	Winner—Emma Stanke	Runner-up—Zoe Spencer
B Grade Boys Singles:	Winner—Jack Daniels	Runner-up—Brodie Christensen
B Grade Girls Singles:	Winner—Melinda Lovell	Runner-up—Jessie O'Sullivan
A Grade Boys Doubles:	Winner—Curtis Duff & Lachlan Hunt	Runner-up—Matthew Whitehead & Kieran Hunt
B Grade Boys Doubles:	Winner—Daniel Bahnisch & Jack Daniels	Runner-up—Bradley Mestrez & Ehtan Dodds
A Grade Girls Doubles:	Winner—Emma Stanke & Tayla Stanke	Runner-up—Zoe Spencer & Rhianon Turner
B Grade Girls Doubles:	Winner—Rhianon Turner & Jessie O'Sullivan	Runner-up—Taleesha Spencer & Melinda Lovell
A Grade Mixed Doubles:	Winner—Zoe Spencer & Jordan Thompson	Runner-up—Jessie O'Sullivan & Luke Ruddick
B Grade Mixed Doubles:	Winner—Tayla Stanke & Jack Daniels	Runner-up—Savanna Cooper & Mitch Reeve

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## WHAT'S ON

### Rhee Tae Kwon Do

At Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club

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## MEETINGS

### Ridgelands Show Meeting

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm

### QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets 9.30  
am 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month.

### Stitch and Chat Group

Meets 9.30 am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
of month.

QCWA room.

All welcome

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thing you can't get  
for nothing.  
Oscar Wilde

## NOTICES

### Ridgelands Tennis Club Inc.

Invites team or player  
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Contact: Rob 49345564 or

Vivian 49345144

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### Congratulations:

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### FARADAY (RIDGELANDS) RURAL FIRE BRIGADE FUND RAISER

Drawn 6/12/2006 11am Ridgelands State School

By Principal, Mr Mick Byrne

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$500 Ticket 36 C.Coombs

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$300 Ticket 65 M.& M Scott

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$200 Ticket 72 D&J Forest

Thankyou for your support.

Organiser Denis Lindley

### *Sincere Thanks*

**Rhonda Joy Steggall**

(Nee Craig)

As a family we would like to thank everyone who attended Rhonda's funeral service and everyone for their messages of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls. The support that has been extended to our family throughout this very sad time is greatly appreciated. Please accept this as our personal thank you.

Kevin, Jessica and Henry Steggall, Peter and  
Pam Craig, Bob and Dorothy Steggall,  
Margo and Geoff Estreich & Family,  
Debra and Selwyn Richards & Family,  
Wayne Craig, Scott and Shelly Craig & Family.

We would like to say  
"thankyou very much" to all  
those kind friends who have  
sympathy with us on the sad  
loss of Rhonda, our  
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Pam, Peter and families.

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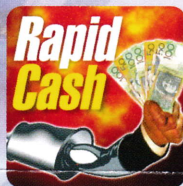
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