

AROUND THE RIDGES

and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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Ridgelands School News

Ridgelands School has started the year on a very positive note with our school Equestrian Team being awarded the Fitzroy Shire's Junior Sportsperson/Team of the year at the Shire's Australia Day celebrations on 26 Jan. They really have "done us proud" over the last few years and thoroughly deserved this recognition of their efforts. This is also due recognition for the effort and support given to the team by Mrs Paddison and all our parents.

We welcomed Ms Erin Currie to the school for two weeks as a temporary replacement for Mrs Ruddick while we saw how our numbers would go in relation to our staffing. The school required 78 students to keep four teachers. Unfortunately despite some new enrolments we only had 75 students total on the day that staffing numbers were counted. As a result we have lost Ms Currie.

The painters arrived at the school on the first day to paint the office and library buildings. This work has now been completed and the school is starting to look good.

The new playgrounds have been concreted in and the new upper-school playground was sand-filled and opened for use this week. The lower school one will not have the sand put in until the shade structure has been installed. We are awaiting building approval for this at the moment.

Our Alton Downs inter-school sporting teams got off to a flying start with wins in junior and senior cricket as well as junior softball. For Senior cricket, Mitch Reeve and Daniel Bahnisch were our best batters, while Daniel Bahnisch again was our best bowler.

Regards, Mick Byrne

From the Newsletter Committee.

We would like to thank Mick Byrne for his thank you to the Newsletter Committee in the last issue. We strive to assist both the community, by printing their news, and the school by helping to keep the community in touch with what is going on at the school and also with material and financial contributions.

The advertisers in the Community Business Directory finance the publishing of the newsletter each month. The sponsors help to pay for the postage costs. The community organisations and short and long term advertisers help to build our funds for the school.

We are presently looking for more monthly sponsors, so if you know of a family or business who would be interested please ask them to contact us or let us know so we can contact them.

We are happy to print stories of people's travels, sporting accomplishment, history or anything else of interest. Children are welcome to contribute some stories. We hope you enjoy "Around the Ridges" in 2007.

We will be holding our AGM at 3.30pm on 7th March in the school library. We would like to welcome any interested people to join us. If you have any queries or apologies please phone Jenny on 49341132.

**This newsletter is a family sponsorship.
Our thanks to Mrs Shirley Greenup.**

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COUNCIL COMMENT

Hello everyone. Council Comment this month is good news for ratepayers concerned with our road maintenance. In a report to Council tabled at the meeting of 13/9/05 maintenance and productivity have been increased on totals of 03-04. The total budget for roads in 04-05 was \$1 205 232 including a 20% increase compared to 03-04. The recent financial year saw an extra 120 km graded compared to 03-04 as well. This represents a 18% increase on productivity which is an excellent result considering outside factors such as water cartage and rising fuel costs recently had tried to play havoc. Staff at all levels, have done an excellent job to stay on budget with an increase in productivity. This is also proven by the marked decrease of road complaints (requests for works) in general. We are only as good as our information and any request for works is taken seriously and although sometimes the outcomes isn't as expected there are usually very good reasons for this. Anyway my phone is always available (mostly) so feel free to contact me with any comment. Good ones especially welcome! Take care and bye for now.

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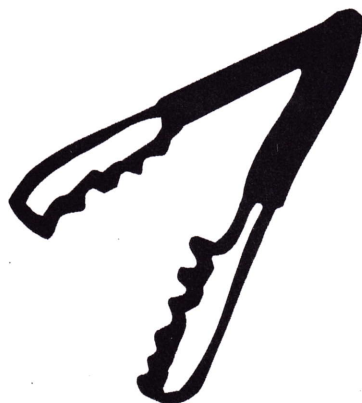
AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT ALTON DOWNS

The afternoon started quietly after a hot day and with rain threatening. It didn't take too long for the enthusiasm to get wound up when the games were announced. The little kids and the "big kids" lined up for sack races, the water race, egg throwing, thong throwing, gumboot throwing and the water balloon throwing competitions. About half way through the games, the rain started and many were quite wet!!! but this did not deter their enthusiasm.

The Barman nearly died of thirst and lost 10 kilos!! There was a big demand for an ironman/woman competition, which was a lot of fun. There were plenty of tug-a-wars and great music by DJ, Harvey Grant. The burgers were good and everyone had a great evening. To top the day – The Ridglands State School Equestrian Team won the Australia Day Junior Sports Team of The Year Award and Kirstie Fossett won the Australia Day Senior Sportsperson of The Year Award. ***Congratulations!!!***

Geoff Estreich won the Bike Raffle.

COOKERY CORNER



TUNA & RICE SALAD

270g can corn kernels, drained
1 cup cooked rice
2×180 cans tuna in spring water, drained
70g tasty cheese, cubed
¼ punnet cherry tomatoes, halved
½ Lebanese cucumber, chopped
1 large shallot, trimmed and sliced
2 tablespoons Italian dressing
In a large bowl, combine corn, rice, tuna, cheese, tomatoes, cucumber and shallot.
Season to taste and toss dressing through.

WHAT'S ON

Rhee Tae Kwon Do

At Alton Downs
Polocrosse
and Sports Club
Tuesday nights, 6.30pm
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Date Claimer
Ridgelands Show
2nd June 2007.

Scrap 2 the Max
Creative Memories
Ridgelands Workshop

Where: Ridgelands Hall
When: Feb. 24th 2007
Time: 9am – 4pm
Cost: \$15 full day
\$10 half day
(Kids ½ price)
BYO Lunch
Morning & Afternoon Tea
supplied.
Contact Cherie
Cunningham
On 4921 1642 or
0418 151 799

Morinish Rural Fire Brigade

AGM & Public Meeting
to be held at Fran
Frankish's residence
151 Hunter Gully Rd
Morinish
Sat. 24th March 3.00pm
Enquiries Phone
Fran Frankish: 4934 5545

Alton Downs Rural Fire Brigade

Request the rate payers of
Alton Downs to attend the
meeting on 21st March at
7.30pm at Alton Downs
Hall Inc for the
application of the Fire
Brigade Levy.

Alton Downs Hall Committee

Dance 31st March
'Man in Black'
Cent Sale 21st April
Dance 23rd June
'Man in Black'
Dance 25th August
'Two Can'
Dance 27th October
'Man in Black'
Dance 24th November
'Two Can'

NOTICES.

Apology Notice
To the Community of
Dalma & Ridgelands
I, Sharyn Folker have
been informed that I have
offended the community
of Dalma and Ridgelands.
Please accept my deepest
and honest apology as I
was unaware of my
behaviour that has upset
people. Again my
apologies. Sharyn

Missing

Large Blue Cattle dog
called Jenny.
Owner recovering from
illness.
Please phone:
Shirley on 4934 1293
Or Joan on 4934 1151

Newsletter Meeting.

AGM
Wednesday 7th March
in School Library
3.30pm.
All welcome
Enquires phone:
49341132

MEETINGS

Ridgelands Show
14th March, 2007.
7.30pm

QCWA

Ridgelands 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

Ridgelands

P&C Meeting

Next Meeting
Tues 13th March
7.30pm
Phone: 49345518

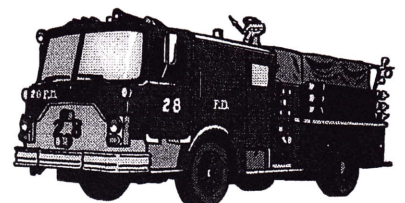
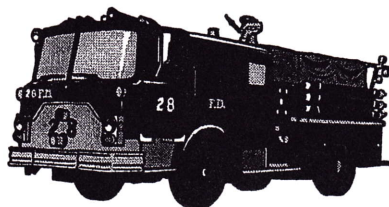
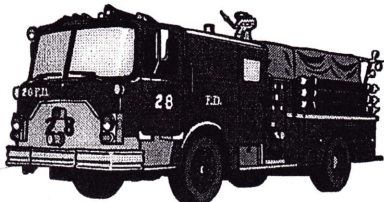
Proverb

A cheerful look brings
joy to the heart,
and good news gives
health to the bones.
Proverbs 15:30

God in his wisdom

made the fly
And then forgot to tell
us why.

Congratulations to
Katie Reeve on her 18th
Birthday
17th February, 2007



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Jokes

Why did the orange stop rolling down the hill?

Where do vegetables take their rusty cars for a service?

What cup can't you drink from?

What's the best thing to put into a pie?

Because it ran out of juice.
To the car-rot station.
A hiccup.
Your teeth.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g. The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on. As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden. So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can. Relax pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short. Enjoy it!"

And then he shared some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of R.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

The second mouse gets the cheese.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

A happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Count your blessings one by one; realize that you are too blessed to be stressed.

The Golden Telephone.

An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. So he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North. On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with the sign that read "\$10,000 per call". The American, intrigued, asked a priest what the phone was used for. The priest replied that it was a direct line to God.

Next stop was Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same kind of golden phone with the same sign under it. He asked a nearby nun what its purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God.

He then travelled to Indianapolis, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Boston and New York. In every church he saw the same golden telephone with the same \$10,000 per call sign under it.

The American decided to travel to Australia to see if Australians had the same phone. He arrived in Australia and again, in the first church he entered there was the same golden telephone, but this time the sign read "40cents per call". The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign.

"Father, I've travelled all over America and I've seen this golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in the US the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?"

The priest smiled and answered "You're in Australia now, mate - it's a local call."