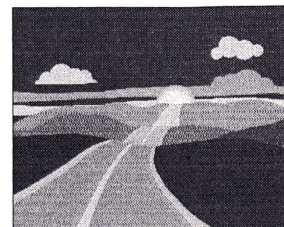


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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The following article is a summary of a speech made by Mr John Fletcher at the opening of the Rosewood Diggings Cemetery last month.

The Matriarch of Rosewood Diggings - Sarah Jane Stewart.

Family historian, Jeanette Toohey, a great, great grand daughter of Sarah Jane Stewart records over 600 descendents and their partners in seven generation, a truly massive contribution to Sarah's adopted country.

In 1865 an Irish teenager from County Armagh stepped ashore at Brisbane. The next record of her is the birth of her first child, Edward, to Edward Conroy in July 1867, just a month after a rich find by Brady triggered a gold rush to Rosewood. A further two Conroy children followed. A shopping trip to Rockhampton in 1868 is reported with a dress purchased on that trip still in the family 93 years later. Sarah Stewart married publican, storekeeper and landholder, Ah Yin in 1871 and resided on "Armagh", a resumed portion of "Rosewood". Seven children were born to that union with two not surviving infancy. Ah Yin was killed in a horse riding accident and Sarah, with her son Walter (Watty) and daughters continued to live at "Armagh". Sarah had two more children to David Mitchell, a Rosewood miner in 1886 and 1891. The Rosewood of that era was a lively community with both licensed and illegal liquor outlets, a general store and a hall. James Edgar of "Craiglee" supplied beef and dairy products and most settlers grew vegetables. The Yin family were renowned for their hospitality and excellent vegetables. The alluvial gold was of high quality (98.2% purity) but lack of water was a problem. Reef mining became the major form of mining by 1885 and continued into the twentieth century. The cemetery is on "Craiglee" and permission to visit should be sought from Mr and Mrs Edgar before entering.

This newsletter is sponsored by The Ridgeland and District Sporting and Agricultural Association Inc.

RIDGELANDS SHOW 2007

25TH ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY JUNE 2

8am: Start

2pm: Grand Parade and Opening

Admission \$5 Pensioners \$3

Primary School Children Free

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after 7.30pm.

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Ridgелands School News

Hope you all had a great Easter.

Students and staff are now gearing up for our ANZAC Day commemorations and winter sport. There's nothing like being busy right from the start.

The Ridgелands P & C AGM was held on Tuesday 03 Apr in the staffroom at 7:30 pm. Thanks to all who attended and a big thank you and congratulations to our Executive for 2007 who are:

President: Vivian Duff

Vice –President: Mark Stanke

Secretary: Michelle Osborne

Treasurer: Shelly Chisholm

Asst Treasurer: Mark Stanke

Thanks to all those who supported the P & C fundraising dinner held at the Brunswick Hotel I would like to make a special mention and thanks to Judy Stanke who virtually organised the entire activity from getting quotes, negotiating the booking, organising the printing and sale of the tickets; collecting, receipting and banking the money; ensuring the raffle prizes were taken to the dinner and distributing uncollected prizes after. Thanks again to Karen Chapman for organising and collecting the prizes and to Katrina Duff for organising and running the "All Night Quiz" at the dinner.

School Captains', House Captains', Student Councillors' badges and Redback Awards were presented on a special parade in the grade three to seven classroom on the last Monday of term. Mr Ian Boon, the Executive Director Schools, Central Queensland District made the presentations. Congratulations to Tiarna Munroe, Ethan Dodds, Laura McQuillan, Keallan Thompson, Kacey Ward and Hailey Baumann for receiving our Redback Awards for term 1.

School Captain's badges were presented to: Zoe Spencer and Steele Keily
Vice Captains: Jessie O'Sullivan and Ethan Dodds

House Captain's badges were presented to:
Dragon Captains: Georgia Keily and Nathaniel Spreadborough
Vice Captains: Emma Keily and Kyle Barney
Unicorn Captains: Hannah Barlow and Mitch Reeve
Vice Captains: Tiarna Munro and Adam Estreich

Equestrian Captain's badges were presented to:
Zoe Spencer, Jessie O'Sullivan and Kyle Barney

Student Councillors' badges were presented to:
Year 7: Emma Keily and Nathaniel Spreadborough
Year 6: Melinda Lovell and Daniel Bahnisch
Year 5: Sarah Barlow and Callum Chisholm
Year 4: Peta Mestrez and David Foxwell

I am going to Woorabinda as the Acting Principal for the first three weeks back after the Easter holidays. I will be replaced by Mr Paul Fogwell during that period. Students from grades four to seven travelled to Bouldercombe by bus for the winter sport muster on Friday 20th April. Once again our students playing rugby league, netball and soccer for Alton Downs in the Rockhampton inter-school sports competition.

Regards , Mick Byrne

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RIDGELANDS SHOW NEWS

We are now preparing to organise our 25th Ridgeland's Show. The Show has gone from strength to strength over the years, thanks to a strong and dedicated committee and many volunteers in the district who help by water watching, mowing, baling hay, buying trophies, setting up goat pens and much more.

Miss Showgirl Kirstie Fossett coming second in Queensland helped put our Show and the district on the map. Congratulations Kirstie. Kirstie is a competent horse woman.

The grounds are being used more often by QEISA Pony Clubs and Equestrian Groups. Many of these young competitors compete at our Show and Campdraft. Many thanks to George and Pat Robinson for their generous donation of extra lighting in the Gordon Walters Memorial Pavilion. A big help on Show night. When our mechanic gets our ride on mower and tractor in working order the grass around the buildings, stalls etc will be whipper snipped and mowed regularly.

We have received a Grant of \$12,715 from the Community Benefit Fund to erect another Pavilion to house the school work, art and photography. The building will be erected in time for the Show.

Hoping to see you all on June 2. Rob Bishop, Show Chairman.

Ridgeland's State School Equestrian Team News

Ridgeland's State School Equestrian Team started 2007 season with success. Mrs Julie Paddison has approximately 20 members signed up for this season. The 2007 Equestrian Team Captains are Jessie O'Sullivan, Zoe Spencer and Kyle Barney.

The season started with a competition held by Balmoral Pony Club, followed by Waroula Equestrian Group Competition held at Ridgeland's Show Grounds. Zoe Spencer represented the Ridgeland's State School at both these events. After these two competitions Zoe has now qualified for State level in show jumping and dressage.

On the 31st March and the 1st April Yeppoon Pony Club ran a QEISA dressage and One Day Event Competition. Grade 7 student Zoe Spencer and Grade 5 student Kiah Barney represented the Ridgeland's Team. Zoe was the winner of both dressage tests and Kiah was placed third and fourth in her tests. Zoe also competed on the Sunday in the ODE and was winner at the primary school level.

Paige Barney

WHAT'S ON

Rhee Tae Kwon Do

At Alton Downs
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Tuesday nights, 6.30pm
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Join your local Southside
AFL Team. Training nights are
Tuesday and Thursday 6.00pm.
For enquiries 49 333 017

ANZAC DAY

Dawn Service
Alton Downs Hall
4.28 a.m.
Breakfast afterwards.

Biggest Morning Tea.

Ridgeland School
Thursday 3rd May
11.00am
Bring a plate for a
shared lunch.

25th May 2007

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

342 Nicholson Road
Alton Downs
9 am – 11.30 am
For Qld Cancer Fund.

Alton Downs Hall Committee

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'

MEETINGS

Ridgeland Show Meeting

9th May
7.30pm

QCWA

Ridgeland Branch meets 9.30
am 1st Wednesday of month.

Stitch and Chat Group

Meets 9.30 am 2nd & 4th Tuesday
of month.

QCWA room.

All welcome

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and Jumping.
Have up to date DVD & photos
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0417 190 127

Wanted

Ridgeland Show
is seeking a caterer on
Show day, 2nd June 2007.
Phone: 4934 5135

Ridgeland Show

All entries received on
Friday 1st June will go
into the draw for a \$25
prize.

Date Claimer

CWA 70th Anniversary
this year.
Keep 1st Sept free. Details
to follow.

Jokes

What bird is
a good cook?
Where do frogs
keep their money?
What is a slug?

1. A Kookaburra
2. In the riverbank
3. A snail with a housing problem.

QCWA Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Saturday May 5. Commencing 1.30pm.

Raffle, Lucky Door, Multi Draws, Oldest and Youngest Mother's prizes.

Admission \$7.

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Polocrosse news in brief

- Polocrosse Practice days are every Sunday at 8:30am right through until our first carnival on 19, 20 May at Capella
- Next players meeting is 13 May at 8:30 followed by a Practice
- Player registrations are due, you cannot nominate for a carnival until they have been paid in full!
- First Carnival is Capella on 19 & 20 May
- Please note also that the PCAQ (Pony Club Association of Queensland) supports Polocrosse as a discipline, therefore there are now some advantageous options available for those Pony Club members (of any Pony Club) wishing to have a go and get involved with Polocrosse. Whether it is on a casual or fulltime basis.

If anyone would like further information please contact me on the below details.

Kind regards

Davina Roberts
Polocrosse Secretary
Phone: (07) 4934 1119 or 0429 341 119

ANZAC CAKE

125g butter, softened
¾ cup caster sugar
2 eggs
½ cup milk
2 tablespoons cocoa powder
1 cup self-raising flour
2 tablespoons desiccated coconut
extra 40g butter, softened
¼ cup icing-sugar mixture
½ cup crushed peanuts

Grease a 22cm round cake tin; line base and side with baking paper.

Beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until combined. Stir in milk, sifted cocoa, flour and coconut; spread mixture into prepared tin.

Cook in a moderate oven, 180°C, for about 35 mins. or until cooked when tested. Stand cake in tin for 10 mins. Turn out on wire rack to cool.

Beat extra butter and icing-sugar until light and fluffy. Spread icing over top of cold cake.

Sprinkle with peanuts.

RECIPE CORNER

We had approx 500 competitors and spectators throughout the weekend. Great weather, no accidents with record nominations once again. Would like to thank all of our local sponsors and those that helped to make the multi draw raffle the biggest and best yet. Many thanks to all of our cattle donors Jeff Edgar, John Ellrott, Trevor Jones, Ron Bahnisch and Rob White and their families. Without whom there would be no cattle to campdraft.

Thanks also to the Hall Committee for catering, the judges and announcers (Greg Rea and Dave Francis) and all the volunteers and committee members. Overall a great week end was had by all.

The committee has received a funding grant from the Government Gambling Fund which we will use to further improve and replace the worn back yards in the coming months. Stanwell Power Station and the Fitzroy Shire Council also gave us a grant to supply a water tank and stand for the secretary's office.

CQ Crane Hire made it possible last month to move the old racing photo finish stand over to be our new announcers stand. Many thanks to them for this.

Results:

The Open Draft 139 entries. Judge Darren Gaw.
1st and 2nd Peter Comiskey, 3rd Graeme McKenzie, 4th Judy Drake, 5th Peter Comiskey, 6th Tom Acton, 7th Peter Comiskey, 8th Debbie Symonds.

The Maiden Draft 205 entries Judge Scott McGuigan
1st Dan Cogill, tie 2nd&3rd John Meek and Max Krame, 4th John Meek, tie 5th&6th Peter Comiskey and Brett Myier, 7th Graeme McKenzie, 8th Ricky Hopkins.

The Novice Draft 221 entries Judge Scott McGuigan
1st Peter Comiskey, 2nd and 3rd Graeme Acton, tie 4th&5th Julie Terry and John Meek, tie 6th&7th Karin Howard and Darren Hamblin, 8th Graeme Acton.

The Ladies Draft 90 entries Judge Darren Gaw
1st Bernerdine Hassall, 2nd Julie Terry, tie 3rd&4th Nicki Marshall and Rachael Pickersgill, 5th Julie Terry, tie 6th&7th Melanie Hamblin and Lisa Hatfield.

The Restricted Draft 53 entries Judge Brett McCamley
1st Graeme Acton, 2nd Wally Rae, 3rd and 4th Peter Comiskey, 5th Keith Williamson, 6th Peter Comiskey.

The Juvenile Draft 34 entries Judge John Davidson
1st Sara Beak, 2nd Joshua Lang, 3rd Kimberley Pickersgill, 4th Samantha Martin, 5th Kyle Stanke, 6th Casey Hopkins.

The Junior results are 1st Madison Rosenberg 72 (horse - Gem), 2nd Kellie Pickersgill 70 (Poet), Equal 3rd/4th Lachlan Hunt 69 (Missy), and Abe Graham 69 (Cots Wald Harry), 5th Matthew Stanke 64 (Shadow), Equal 6th Emma Stanke (Celina) and Sam Terry (Kat). There were 20 competitors in the event. All received a prize and sash. The Judge was Karin Howard. Cathie Murphy

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