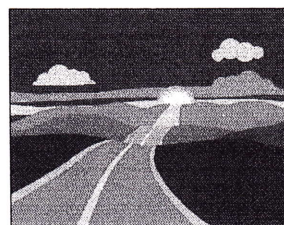


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A Traveller's Tale.

During the month of June this year I was fortunate enough to be one of five males who travelled from Townsville to Winton Boulia across the QLD – Northern Territory border at Tobermorey to Alice Spring via the Plenty Highway.

From Alice Spring (which as very cold and wet) we ventured North West across the Tanamai Desert road to Halls Creek - Wyndlam, back to Kumunurra visited V.R.D. and Kidman Springs after travelling though the Jasper George which has some magnificent scenery. This area was the film location for the movie 'Jedda' some years ago. We then travelled eastwards to Daly Water – Nutwood Downs, Boorooloola, Hells Gate, Woollogorang, Doomedgee, Gregory Bourke, Wills Roadhouse and south to Julie Creek before making our way back to Townsville having travelled approximately 8,000 kilometres in just under four weeks.

Of special interest to me was the Tanami Desert, having read Marie Mahood's "Being on the Damper" some years ago. I was anxious to see this country. Marie and her husband Joe took up a grazing lease there after Joe had ear marked the area as being worth of a cattle station whilst a stock inspector in the Territory named the place "Mongrel Downs".

The Tanami Highway leaves the Stuart Highway approx 30 kilometres north of Alice Springs travels north west before finished at Halls Creek in Western Australia. The site of Western Australia first gold strike. This stretch covers approx 1,000 kilometres and took three days to cover. The area had had some prior to our departure and the going was slow. The two 4-W-D's were not tasked in anyway, however we were much relieved when the sealed Highway was reached a few kilometres from New Halls Creek.

We have all heard and read of the oasis in the desert. Well Tilmouth Wells is such a place. Modern Service Station, Serviced Rooms, Picnic and Camping area, plenty of underground water lawns that would be the envy of our modern towns.

Tilmouth is approx 160 kilometres from The Alice Springs and is definitely well into the 'red heart'. The vegetation is quite thick in many places but stunted in comparison.

The Mulge Gidgee vary in colour from that of the Qld variety's and much smaller. We were fortunate that one of our party's was a former resident of the Northern Territory having been a Stock Inspector in his younger days on that area before becoming assistant manager and then manager of Victoria River Downs in the Northern Territory.

He was a perfect tour guide and was able to provide very interesting aspects of the area. Once back in the Northern Territory he was able to arrange for a half day visit to Victoria River Downs. Although we did not leave the homestead complex there was plenty of interest. There are two air raid shelters in very good state of repair, relics of the Second World War. One was used by the resident saddler of those days after the war to store his leather. Mould was a problem on leather during the hot wet summers and the coolness of the underground shelter overcame this problem.

There are several communities across the desert. The indigenous population must surely rely on their hunting skills to a big extent. The cost of fuel (\$2.08 a litre at Rabbit Flat) and long distances make over the counter prices very high.

As much as I enjoyed seeing first hand that fascinating part of Australia, I was more than happy to be back in relative civilisation for the remainder of our trip.

Pat Pointing.

Ridgелands School News

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Prep Enrolments

We are currently looking at numbers for our Prep class in 2008. At the moment we have unofficially about fourteen students. (NB. Only one has enrolled, so we need to get these children enrolled ASAP) If you know of any eligible children in the area who have not yet enrolled, please ask their parents to contact the school.

Denmark Project

Congratulations to Curtis Duff who has won the Capricorn Division Finals for his project on the Study of Denmark. This project will now go on to the State Finals. Good Luck Curtis.

Winter Sport

Congratulations to the following students who received trophies at the Alton Downs Winter Sports presentations last Friday

Minor Rugby League – Most Consistent: Callum Chisholm.

Junior Rugby League – Most Improved: Curtis Duff, Most Consistent: Jack Daniels

Senior Rugby League – Most Improved: Daniel Bahnisch, Best Defensive Player: Nat Spreadborough

Junior Netball: Most Improved: Hailey Baumann

Senior Netball: Most Improved: Hannah Barlow, Most Consistent: Emma Keily

Minor Soccer: Most Improved: David Foxwell.

Redback Awards

Congratulations to our Redback Award winners for Term Three. They are: Jayden Bean, Kacey Ward, Joel Estrieck, Melinda Lovell, and Nat Spreadborough.

Have a Safe Holiday, Les Berryman,
Acting Principal, Ridgелands State School

Ridgелands Show News

The recent AGM held on 11th September 2007 was well attended, with 24 members attending.

The new pavilion is an asset housing School Art and Photography.

The new executive officers are:

Chairman: Rob Bishop

Deputy Chair: Stewart Jones

Deputy Chair: Ken Stewart

Secretary: Regan Ellrott

Assistant Secretary: Julann Chippendale

Assistant Secretary: Leanne Funch

Treasurer: Kerry Malcolm

Patroness: Margaret Stewart

The Ridgелands Show Society would like to invite anyone with ideas to make the annual show more exciting and successful, to submit your ideas, or suggestions of events you would like to see at the show to

Regan Ellrott, The secretary, PO Box 2046 Rockhampton 4700

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Morinish Landcare News

Last meeting was held at "Melrose" on 29th August. The main topic was investigating methods to control soil and gully erosion. A joint bus trip with Wycarba is planned for October 16th to Peter Attard's property "Shingle Park", Moura for a day on soil organics. FRCC is the co ordinator and can be contacted on 4921 0573 if you want to join s. Next meeting for Morinish landcare is 30th October at "Forest Home".
Thank you, John Ellrott.

QCWA News.

The QCWA Ridgeland Branch held their 70th birthday celebrations in the Ridgeland hall on the 1st September, 2007 at 1.30pm. The programme was varied and from all accounts enjoyed by the approx. 150 people who attended.

The afternoon started with both anthems being sung, followed by a welcome from our President, Mrs Merle Smith. Merle especially welcomed past members and QCWA members from various branches.

Unfortunately six of our active members were unable to attend. A special mention of our Catering Coordinator, Mrs Marie Scott who organised the event before leaving for a family function. The hall looked amazing with balloons and the usual party fare. Our banner maker extraordinaire (Toni Jepson), Kevin Baker's memorabilia and Nancy Morrice's antique clothing (including her wedding dress) all added to the atmosphere. The afternoon was compered by our Master of Ceremonies, Mr Vince Reynolds who kept us entertained throughout the afternoon. Rev. Father Anthony Mannix and Rev. John Chandler gave their blessings to the Ridgeland QCWA 70 years.

Mrs Merle Smith read a history of the branch's 70 years and it was very apparent that even today Ridgeland QCWA is held in very high esteem with 25 wonderful members. The bond with local organisations remains strong.

The Divisional president of QCWA, Mrs Myra Pincott, gave a short address and presented 50 year badges to two of our members - Mrs Lily Smith and Mrs Jean Shannen.

It wouldn't be a birthday without a cake (which was made by Mrs Pat Watts and iced by Mrs Marie Scott). The oldest and youngest members cut the cake, namely Mrs Betty Rutherford and Mrs Margaret Fletcher.

Our entertainment consisted of a short poem read by Mrs Kay Milner. Mr Ron Bahnisch rendered a medley of songs and Mr Lee Taylor recited Australian poems.

One of our members, Mrs Pat Watts turned 70 in the same year as the QCWA Ridgeland branch and was honoured with a corsage to mark the occasion.

The usual multi draws, raffles and lucky door were held. A delicious afternoon tea was served.

The afternoon closed with a farewell from Merle. Well done QCWA Ridgeland. You should be proud of what you have achieved. (We have fun too.)

Veteran's Children Education Scheme (VCES)

For parents who are in receipt of a Dept of Veteran Affairs Special Rate/ TPI or Extreme Disablement Adjustment (EDA) pension who have children under 25 (including grandparents with custody).

Children of Vietnam Veterans with diagnosed depression.

The scheme has some advantages over Austudy and Abstudy.

For general information contact me or phone DVA 1333254

Jill Fry Part Time Pensions Officer and Advocate

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Learning New Skills From
left; Marilyn Warnick,
Rhonda Ward and Noel
Tregea

Life is full of life long experiences and one of these is continual learning. Learning Network Queensland's local centres offer adult learning with flexible delivery options. We keep student needs in mind by offering face-to-face delivery and also self-paced options for adults not able to attend during our regular class sessions.

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For more information, contact your local Learning Network Queensland Centre Coordinator on 4927 8580.

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Recipe Corner.

Chocolate Mallow Slice.

250g packet plain biscuits, finely crushed
¾ cup marshmallows, cut into small pieces
¾ cup flaked coconut
¾ cup milk Choc Bits
395g can sweetened condensed milk
100g butter, chopped
1 teaspoon cocoa powder
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
150g milk chocolate, chopped, melted.

Lightly grease an 18x28cm slice pan. Line base and sides with baking paper. Place crushed biscuits in a large bowl.

Add marshmallows, coconut and Choc Bits.

Combine condensed milk, butter, cocoa and vanilla in a small saucepan. Stir over low heat until combined.

Add milk mixture to dry ingredients, mixing well. Press mixture into prepared pan.

Chill for 30 minutes, until firm.

Spread melted chocolate over slice. Chill for 15 minutes, until set.].

Cut into squares using a hot knife.

WHAT'S ON

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MEETINGS

Ridgelands Show Meeting

Wednesday 10th October,
7.30 p.m.
Bring a plate.

QCWA

Ridgelands 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
Phone: 4934 5120

Faraday Ratepayers Meeting

The Annual Faraday Rural Fire
Brigade AGM and Public
meeting is to be held at the
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2007. New members always
welcome.

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Proverb.

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Proverbs 16:16

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Q2: Where do sheep get shorn?

Q3: Why did Bo Peep lose her sheep?

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2. At the baa baas.
3. She had a crook with her.

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