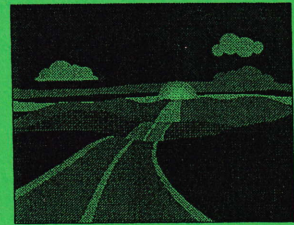


# AROUND THE RIDGES

## and a bit beyond



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### At the End of The Year

I cannot let the old year die  
Without a thought of you;  
Without a wish for Christmas joys  
And New Year blessings too.

It is a time when all the world  
Seems like a joyous choir,  
That reaches out to spread good will  
And wakens with desire.

It is a time when friends and kin  
Meet round a common board,  
To share the love and friendship  
That happy days afford.

It is a day to offer praise  
Unto the heavenly king  
To give him thanks for every gift  
This blessed day may bring.

And now my warmest wishes go  
To loved ones and to friends,  
That peace and joy be in your hearts  
And love that never ends

Author unknown to me

'Merry Christmas'  
From the  
Newsletter committee  
and our best wishes  
for  
a wet, happy, safe  
and prosperous  
2008

Our next Newsletter  
will be in January 08.  
We look forward to  
your contributions  
and ask you to continue  
to support all  
those businesses  
who support and  
advertise with us.

### **Reflection:**

**If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive the week.**

**If you have never experienced battle, imprisonment, torture or starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world.**

**If you attend your church without fear, you are more blessed than almost 3 billion people in the world.**

**If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.**

**If you have food in your refrigerator clothes on your back a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.**

**If you have money in the bank, in our wallet, and spare change, you are among the top 8% of the worlds wealthy.**

This newsletter has been kindly sponsored by the Ridgelands C.W.A. as they would like to say 'thank you' to *Around the Ridges* for the excellent coverage given regarding their functions and meetings.

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**Swimming**

Ridgeland State School go in to Crescent Lagoon State School every Thursday for swimming lessons. If you have a spare Thursday and would like to help please let us know. The more volunteers we get means more support for the children in the pool.

**Activities Day**

Our Year 5,6 and 7 students, teachers and parents were invited to a small schools activity day at Rockhampton State High School on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> November. This was a chance to join other students from small schools for a day of Arts, sports and science activities. Mr Douglas joined the students on the day for extra supervision and said it was a good day and the students were great.

**Friday Sport**

Congratulations to our Friday Sports' teams, winning both Juniors and Seniors in Softball and Juniors in the cricket. We have had some inclement weather, however all should be fine for the upcoming Friday.

Regards  
Les Berryman  
Acting Principal  
Ridgeland State School

PEACE



**CWA News for November 2007**

QCWA will go into recess for January 2008. 32 members and friends enjoyed Christmas luncheon at Footlights. We continue to enjoy Stitch and Chat which is for non members as well. (Reckon there is more chat than stitch some days as they become noisy.) Anyone new to the district is welcome to come along as a great way to meet folk and become involved.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December we have invited some residents from Bethesda Aged Home out for morning tea. We are giving a gift to the elderly (instead of exchanging gifts amongst ourselves) at the Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome. Starting time 9.30am.

**Word of the Month: *Borborygmi***

**the noise your stomach makes when you are hungry**

**JOKES**

What's a good way of stopping pollution in schools?  
"Why are you writing so slowly Johnny?"  
Why was the science teacher's head wet?

Use unleaded pencils.  
" Because it's a letter to my friend who can't read fast."  
Because she had a brain storm.

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### Council Comment

Hello again, its Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> November, and what a beautiful morning it is, with light drizzling showers, no I am not dreaming, over night we received 78ml of rain and its still about. Last night there was so much water about the “Paradise Lagoons” area that I could not get through to the Northern Ratepayers meeting at Ridgeland and I have since been advised that the meeting had to be called off. It is hopeful that this is a good start of a rainy season, as the country needs the good soaking that we have been missing out on for far too long.

I have been asked a lot of questions regarding the amalgamation of the four Local Councils and best way to answer most of them are to explain to you to the best of my ability what is happening.

- Firstly, a Transition Committee has been set up to oversee the transition from the four different Councils to one single group namely the “Rockhampton Regional Council”.
- Three separate Sub-Committees have been formed to help with this process they being, Employment Sub-Committee, Image/Branding Sub-Committee, Community Engagement Sub-Committee.
- Ten other smaller working groups are also working in their various capacities to assist in putting this massive challenge together,
- so that on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008,
- every employee will know where he/she will be working,
- And who they will be reporting to.



As this process is taking place the Community Engagement Sub-Committee will be busy keeping you informed on the proceedings and taking submissions from you to the Transition Committee.

However, it is important for you to remember that it is business as usual by Fitzroy Shire Council til the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you one and all “A Merry Christmas and Happy, Prosperous, Wet, New Year.

Regards, John Hopkins, Mayor of Fitzroy Shire.

**THE GREATEST MISTAKE YOU CAN MAKE IN LIFE IS TO BE CONTINUALLY FEARING YOU WILL MAKE ONE.**  
Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915)

### RIDGELANDS SHOW NEWS:

The Ridgeland show has had another successful year, with a well patronised show held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2007. The new pavilion, built with a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, houses school art and photography. Improvements like the pavilion are an asset to the show and the community.

The show also received a grant of \$6244 from the Department of Local Government, which will be used toward improvements. It has been a good year for us and it is good to see other clubs (pony, equestrian etc) use the grounds.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.  
Rob Bishop.

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**ALTON DOWNS PONY CLUB NEWS:**

Alton Downs Pony Club was shut down due to the EI situation in August this year. Sadly the season was far from over, but Bajool Pony Club came up with the idea of a Hobby Horse Gymkhana. Pony Club members had to compete on hobby horses, doing the event they would have had to do on their own ponies.

Alton Downs took to the challenge and a team on 6 competitors attended. Natalie Tambllyn was place 3rd overall in 17yrs to 26 group, Scott Spreadborough was 1st in the 15yr to 17yrs age group, Kyle Barney place 2nd overall in the 11yrs to 13yrs group, Kiah Barney was the winner of the 9yrs to 11yrs age group, Amy Bean won her 7yrs to 9yr age group and young Kasey Bean was placed 3rd in the under 7yrs.

Scott Spreadborough was also the winner of the over 13yrs times trial event, which was a special event held at the end of the day. This event was held over jumps, picking up Flags, turning drums, and bending through pegs. Competitors where able to have one or more runs but it only took Scott the race horse 1 shot to beat everyone else. Natalie took out second and third in the event.

Kiah Barney was the Highest points winner of the day, winning the Rod North Transport Trophy for 2007.

Lots of laughs were had by kids, parents and spectators.

Trophies for 2007:

Dressage Highest Points	Hayley Lewthaithe	Runner up	Emma-Rose Pye
Show jump Highest Points	Hayley Lewthaithe	Runner up	Daniel Pye
Equitation Highest Points	Zoe Spencer	Runner up	Carly-Mae Pye
ODE Highest Points	Kirstie Fossett	Runner up	Hayley Lewthaithe
Combined Training Highest Points	Zoe Spencer	Runner Up	Daniel Pye
Attendance 2007	Brittany & Tiana Cunningham		

Sporting:

Highest points under 7 Led	Kasey Bean		
Highest Points under 7	Joshua Hunt	Runner up	Molly Hartley
Highest Points 7-9	Amy Bean	Runner up	Savannah Minkin
Highest Points 9-11	Kiah Barney	Runner up	Ben Anderson
Highest Points 11-13	Lachlan Hunt	Runner up	Macey Whitmore
Highest Points 13-15	Andrew Hunt	Runner Up	Andrew Coyne
Highest Points 15-17	Scott Spreadborough	Runner Up	Jackie Fossett
Highest Points 17-26	Natalie Tambllyn	Runner up	Kirstie Fossett
Highest Points Gymkhana's under 13	Kiah Narney	Runner Up	Joshua Hunt
Highest Points Gymkana's over 13	Scott Spreadborough	Runner up	Natalie Tambllyn

Participation Awards:

Under 7	Tayla McCarthy	9-11	Ashleigh Bloomfield
15-17	Deanne Pritchard		

Competition Awards:

11-13	Kyle Barney,	Madison Minns,	Rhianna Daniels,	Laura Hanrahan
13-15	Sam Hartley			

Improvers:

All rounder	9-11	Kaylee Whitmore		
Gymkhana's	11-13	Tahlia Minkin		
Dressage	15-17	Sarah Anderson	17-26	Jacita Pritchard

**'Australia Day Celebrations'**

**at Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club**

26 January 2008 starting at 4pm novelty games and fun activities. Meals and drinks and real Aussie fun.

See you there

Merry Christmas from

Cookery Corner

## WHAT'S ON

**Rhee Tae Kwon Do**  
At Alton Downs  
Polocrosse  
and Sports Club  
Tuesday nights, 6.30pm  
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**MANGO MAGIC**  
2 mangoes, sliced and diced  
1 cup vanilla custard  
300ml carton thickened cream  
2 tablespoons icing sugar  
1 pkt. green jelly  
Make jelly using ½ cup less water than  
instructions on packet. Place in  
refrigerator to set.

Reserve several pieces of mango to  
decorate. In a bowl, combine remaining  
mango and custard together until smooth.  
In a small bowl, using an electric mixer,  
beat cream and icing sugar together until  
soft peaks form.  
Spoon both mixtures alternately into  
serving dish. Swirl together with a skewer  
Decorate with the reserved mango pieces  
and some cubes of jelly.

## NOTICES

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functions.  
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& cultural award winners

## MEETINGS

**Ridgeland Show  
Meeting  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
November  
7.30pm**

**QCWA**  
Ridgeland Branch meets  
9.30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of  
month.

**Stitch and Chat Group**  
Meets 9.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of  
month. QCWA room  
All welcome  
Phone: 49345120

RAIN

### Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club Inc News

The to the active committee members the Club has recently been given  
several grants:

1. a *tractor and a slasher* from the Community Benefit Fund
2. *rain water tanks* from Australian Government Community Water Grant
3. a *dishwasher* from Dept of Families Volunteer Small Equipment Grant

The Club is in the process of purchasing these items.

Recently the Club has purchased 8 café table and chair sets for use inside  
the clubhouse. We have also tiled the ladies and gents amenities. Hire of  
the premises can be arranged through contacting the President Alex Reid  
on 4934 1124 or by writing to the management committee at PO Box 8051  
Allenstown 4701.

The Club is open Friday nights for a drink and something to eat from  
around 6pm. If you are interested in participating in the management or  
activities at the Club please come down and talk to us.

A secret calms anger down.  
A hidden favour softens great  
anger. Proverbs 21:14

A man came home from work and found his three children outside, still in their pyjamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn all around the front yard.

The door of his wife's car was open, as was the front door of the house and there was no sign of the dog. Inside he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over and the throw rug was wadded against the wall. In the front room the TV was blaring and the room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, food was spilled on the counter, the fridge was wide open and dog food was spilled on the floor.

He quickly headed upstairs, stepping over more piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried she might be ill or that something serious had happened.

As he rushed to the bedroom, he found his wife still curled up in bed reading a novel. She looked up and smiled and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?"

She again smiled and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and you ask me what in the world I do all day?"

"Yes," was his incredulous reply.

"Well, today I didn't do it."

# LICENSED CHRISTMAS

## KARAOKE

In aid of Ridgeland's Hall Funds.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December commencing  
6.30pm at Ridgeland's Hall.

Spit pig, roast beef and vegetables.

Adults \$10, lucky meal ticket.

Primary Children \$5.

Sweets \$3

Lollies and novelties from Santa.

**GOLD COIN ENTRY**

**ALL WELCOME**



## Christmas Carols

Saturday 8th December 2008

Alton Downs Polocrosse and  
Sports Club

**5pm to 9pm.**

Santa, Carols, Xmas tree,  
hamburger meals, cart rides and  
fellowship - all welcome

