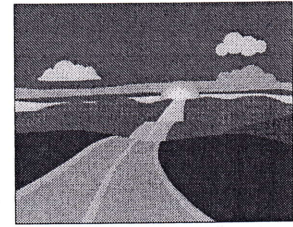


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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Please Note: Cut off date for contributions **15th** of every month.

The old St Stephen's Church, Ridglands Road.

We introduce ourselves as David and Kaye Burrage and we moved to the Church building on Ridglands Road from Yeppoon.

Our daughter has been attending a lot of the local functions on our behalf and has advised us that some people are interested in what we are doing at the Church building.

Firstly we took down the ceiling, which had started to bow down in lots of places, and have replaced it with colorbond Custom Orb with the help of our youngest son (with the ceilings at 4 metres, lifting 6 metre sheets was quite an effort). There was white ant damage in some of the frames so these we cut out and replaced. Because of the white ant damage (which was more than we first thought), we had to take all the lining boards off the walls (we still have one wall to do) in the main hall part. David has been able to make up fly screens to match the shape of the windows. We have also replaced the broken window glass which was quite a challenge, especially with the top windows. The outriggers on the sides had to be replaced so this was done in steel to beat those pesky white ants.

The kitchen runs the length of one side of the hall and is installed and operational. The rest of the hall part will be open plan dining and lounge room. Our intention, when the final wall (Delrosa Road side) is complete is to have the timber up to the bottom of the windows with plain cladding on the top part. One of the windows on the final wall (now removed) will be replaced with a door, which will lead to the veranda (yet to be built).

We have put a wall across the front of the stage area and have taken all the old carpet out and polished the floor boards and turned this into our bedroom. Two new windows have also been added there to give proper ventilation because it is no longer one large room. We have also put another wall in the side to make a hallway beside the stage through to our new additions (the blue custom orb building at the back of the Church building).

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Community Business Directory 2007/2008

Next month we will be working on the Community Business Directory for 2008/2009. The advertising in this directory enables us to print *Around The Ridges*. The newsletter draws our community closer together and provides financial support to the Ridglands State School. The Newsletter Committee is a sub-committee of the Ridglands State School P&C Association and allows the school to communicate with the wider community.

There is a lot going on in our area and we enthusiastically encourage all individuals and groups to contribute to the newsletter so that our identity is not lost in the new Regional Council.

Advertising in the business directory is \$70 for a business card size advertisement for the year. A brief summary of the ad is placed in a block ad which is also published in the newsletter on a rotating basis. Please approach any locals who are involved in a business or in employment whose business or employers may be interested in supporting the Community Business Directory.

These advertisements can be:

left at the school

mailed to Mrs Dianne Bull at 223 Black Gin Creek Road, Alton Downs 4702,

faxed to 49341076

or emailed to aroundtheridges@eq.edu.au.

We ask if payment and an address can accompany the advertisement and we will forward a receipt. Thankyou for your help.

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The old St Stephen's Church.....

The vestry has been turned into our bathroom and as there was no white ant damage there we have been able to leave the beautiful timber as is. We were very fortunate in being able to purchase a second hand bathroom with clawfoot bath with taps, etc to match and a lovely dressing table wash stand. We also took one of the windows out of the main part (replaced it with a door which will open onto our verandah when it is built) to put an extra window into the bathroom.

So this is a continuing work in progress, which when finished we hope to have a lounge, dining, kitchen, bedroom and ensuite bathroom in the main church building with a verandah on both sides and a walk through to the extensions which will have a laundry, WC, study, spare bedroom and craft room.

At the moment, with all the work in progress we appreciate the fact that we have been left to work. We will be sure to let everyone know when we are able to receive visitors so that we can get to know our neighbours better.

**Regards David and Kaye Burrage, 1812 Ridglands Road, Alton Downs
Qld 4702**

Our thanks to David and Kaye for sharing this story with us.

Ridglands School News

Because of the increase in our class sizes we have acquired another teacher for the rest of the year. Our class structure is now as follows: Prep/1, Mrs Prince; 2/3, Mrs Balmain; 4/5, Mrs Paddison; 6/7, Mr Berryman/Mrs Kluver.

Ridglands State School held there Annual Sports Carnival last week. Congratulations to Tayla Stanke (Girls) and Callum Chisholm (Boys) for winning the champion athlete trophies. It was a great day with Unicorns scooping the awards by winning the Ball Games, Athletics and Overall Trophies.

Thank you to all parents and members of our community who attended our Anzac Day Service. Congratulations must go to the students for their attention and behaviour throughout. A special thank you also to Mr Ron King, from the Capricornia Sub-Branch of the RSL who gave up his time to speak to the students, and Mr Mayer for coming out to do the prayer.

Any families looking to enrol Prep students for 2009 please let the school know as we need to start working on numbers for next year.

Important Note: Opening of the 'Undercover Area', 'Infant playground and cover', Upper playground Area, Tuckshop and Staff Room refurbishments will be on the Saturday 24th May beginning at 4.00pm. Moving onto the celebration of our new look gardens and concluding the evening with dinner and a trivia night.

The next P&C meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th June.

Yours in Education
Les Berryman
Acting Principal

RIDGELANDS SHOW 31ST MAY

ANZAC DAY AT ALTON DOWNS:

The 2008 Dawn Service for ANZAC Day was well attended with around 300 people coming. The MC Hugh Chippendale took over the job at the last minute and the ceremony was refreshing. Craig Thomson played the bagpipes and Denis Ilott the bugle for the service. 227 Squadron Australian Air Cadets, Tamara Bull, Katie Reeve, Father Barrie Harvey and Ron King from the RSL Capricornia Sub Branch all participated in the service. A number of people stayed to enjoy the Breakfast in the Alton Downs Hall and to have a chat to friends and neighbours they hadn't seen for ages. Thank you to the ladies who prepared the breakfast! The raffle of a Bear in military uniform (thanks to Capricornia RSL sub branch) and a meat tray, was well subscribed. Thank you to those who attended to pay respects to the servicemen and women in all conflicts. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Jill Fry RSL State Branch Qld Advocate

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Richard Thomson
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What's happening at the ADPC&SC in MAY?

Polocrosse teams are now in training most Sundays getting ready for their competitions.

The Capricorn Field Archers are having a practice shoot so if you see a red flag out beware of the archery folks.

Mid months the Capricorn Caravan and Camping Club are spending a few days at the grounds and are looking forward to watching the ADPC Dressage and horse work at the One Day Eventing. Please make them welcome. Later in the month there is more dressage and on 1/6/08 the ADPC Zone competition will be held at the grounds.

Don't forget the JOKERS WILD prize is building up and on Friday nights our volunteers man the bar for fellowship and hamburgers. The next management meeting will be 11/6/08 and if you wish to hire the premises for a function please write to us at PO Box 8051 Allenstown.

QCWA NEWS

QCWA had a successful afternoon tea on Saturday May 10th, being entertained by John Wilson's music. Margaret Williamson sang and brought a tear to a few eyes as she sung "A Mother as Lovely as You". She was encouraged to sing again as all enjoyed her beautiful voice. Kay Milner read "What is a Mother?" plus other verses relating to Mother and being a Mum. Merle Smith & Val Ciesiolka gave further poems and Val stole the show when she requested women to write down what was in their purse???? Great laughter from this and hard to imagine how heavy some purses must be. 75 people enjoyed a delightful afternoon with some great home cooking from our community ladies. The Hall was decorated nicely and looked a real picture.

On the weekend of the 3rd & 4th May members and visitors were busy at the Ridgeland's Hall doing a Bargello weekend Workshop run by Lynne Smith who is a tutor for the CWA Peacemakers. 15 ladies worked on the quilt and those who weren't quilting served the morning tea and lunch. Next year the same tutor is coming back to do a mystery quilt workshop because the workshop was so well received. It was a fabulous time for the ladies to escape and enjoy the company and interaction with ladies from different areas.

Stewards have been organized to assist in the Pavilion at the Ridgeland's Show. International Day 21st May will start at 9.30am in the Ridgeland's Hall. The Ridgeland's State School students will visit to see their work on display, and to enjoy morning tea with the QCWA. Mongolia is the Country of Study. Next QCWA Meeting at Ridgeland's will be held on Monday June 2nd due to Show holiday.

Jokes

Q: What vehicle is spelled the same backwards and forwards?

Q: What do you call your father-in-law's only child's mother-in-law?

ANZAC Day in Port Moresby 2008

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This year we were fortunate to be able to celebrate Anzac Day in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Although we have never had the opportunity to attend the Dawn Service on Anzac Day in Gallipoli one would wonder if it could be any more moving than that at Bomana War Cemetery PNG.

Four o'clock Friday morning 25th April saw our family ready to leave their compound to join the convoy of cars to Bomana Cemetery. This cemetery lies 19 kilometres north of Port Moresby over poorly maintained roads and not an area to travel alone.

Stretching from the front to back of the cemetery are avenues of rain trees with tropical shrubs between every few rows of graves. From the forecourt a short flight of steps rises to the Stone of Remembrance. On gently rising ground lie a total of 3779 graves (1 woman and 3778 men) marked by white marble headstones, and from a mound beyond the graves, stands the Cross of Sacrifice.

We gathered on wet grassy slopes and as the dawn broke the mist rolled in over the graves. From the rotunda on the hill above the graves the piper and bugler played. Wreaths were laid by various Governments and others like us who were there to pay our respects to all those who had given their lives for our safety.

The rotunda, constructed of cylindrical pillars, is the memorial to those men of the Australian Army (including Papua New Guinea local forces), the Australian Merchant Navy and the Royal Australian Air Force who lost their lives in operations in Papua and who have no known graves.

After the service members of the public were invited to the Gunfire Breakfast held at the Australian High Commission and later to the Yacht Club to join the 2-up games. Although it is not a public holiday in Papua New Guinea Australians find a way to celebrate the day.

John and Kathy Wells

RIDGELANDS SHOW 31st MAY - Enter NOW!

RACQ CAPRICORN HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE.

\$1 million to keep helicopter flying.

Today, the RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue service announced it needed \$1 million to keep the service running this year.

Kay Becker, Chief Executive Officer said, "We receive funding from the state government, local government and through sponsorship. One third of the funding has to be raised by the service and with increasing fuel costs this amount is only likely to increase. Our target is to raise the estimated \$1 million needed this year and we are looking to the community to help us. We have had tremendous support from the community over the years and we are asking the community to come together and support their local helicopter rescue service. We are appealing to local businesses in the region to join the service through our payroll deduction scheme which allows individuals to make a donation to the service through their pay. This reduces our administration costs and provides an easy way for individuals to donate. Donations can be made from as little as \$2 a week."

For the month of January 2008, total operating costs for the service exceeded \$270,000. The majority of the costs are attributed to the aircraft running costs and these vary on a monthly basis depending on the number of rescues carried out. The hourly flying cost for operating the helicopter is over \$4,500. If you can help, please call the RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service on (07) 4922 9093.

WHAT' S ON

Date Claimers

Alton Downs Hall Association Inc.

Dances will be held at the Alton Downs Hall on the following dates:

31st May, 2008.

30th August, 2008

29th November, 2008.

Commencing at 7.30pm.

Man in Black will supply the music. There will be a raffle and novelty prizes. Supper will be served.

For more information please phone 49345120.

Dances will also be held on: 19th July, 2008 and 20th September, 2008, Commencing at 7.30pm Music by **Two Can**. Raffles, novelty prizes and supper.

Alton Downs Hall Committee

Sid Hoare is the booking officer for the Community Hall.

His phone number is:
4934 1147

The keys are no longer available from the mail box for collection

If Sid is not available, phone Tom Hoare
4934 1493 or

Joyce Chippendale on
4934 5120 to open the Hall.

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31st May, 2008.

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MEETINGS

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

PROVERB

Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgement.

Proverbs 10.13

WORDS OF THE MONTH

Lunaediesophobia - a fear of Mondays!

cheimaphobia - fear of the cold!

phobophobia - fear of fear!

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These simple steps will have you on your journey to discovering online treasures at your Library.

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- Rockhampton South Library, 69 William Street, Rockhampton. Telephone 49368265
- Rockhampton North Library, 154 Berserker Street, North Rockhampton. Telephone 49285800.

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HUMMINGBIRD CAKE

440g can crushed pineapple
2 ripe bananas
1 cup caster sugar
3 eggs
100mls vegetable oil
½ cup desiccated coconut
1½ cups self-raising flour
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Pre-heat oven to 180°C.

Drain pineapple reserving 100mls of juice, mash bananas and stir in pineapple, pineapple juice, sugar, eggs and oil. Add coconut, flour and cinnamon, stirring well. Pour into well greased 20cm cake pan. Bake for 55-60 minutes or until cake is firm when tested. Allow to cool for 10 minutes before turning out, cool completely before icing.

Cream Cheese Frosting

125g softened cream cheese
Zest from 1 lemon
½ cup pure icing sugar
Beat cream cheese, sift in icing sugar, add lemon zest. Mix well and spread over cake.