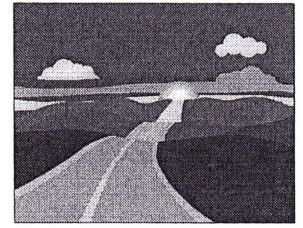


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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Gordon and Judy Hanrahan's Turkey Trip

When in Turkey we were only in Istanbul as I wanted to spend time with family. We stayed in the centre of the tourist area of Istanbul in Sultanamet which was great as most tourist spots were in walking distance. It was a very clean area which surprised me. Gardens are beautiful and we were just seeing the end of the tulips.

The streets were full of homeless dogs and cats but these animals are in top condition as everyone feeds them. Because most people live in apartments they seem to be community owned. Traffic stops for them as they will even fall asleep in the streets. I also add that traffic does not stop for people. You have to be very careful. Crossing the road is a problem as we look right then left and this is useless in Turkey as they drive on the other side (wrong side). I had several frights thinking we had a car rolling away as nobody was driving.

People are friendly, but some were too friendly. You learned not to look at people standing outside shops as they wanted to drag you in to buy their great goods. A little disconcerting was the number of men that are about the streets compared to the number of women. Women were not there but perhaps this was because it is the tourist area and women tend to shop at their local areas.

It was very exciting when you realised how far you were from home and how different it all was. Sight, smell and taste were all involved in totally alien experiences. You saw things you remembered learning about in Social Studies. The people were talking and you had no idea of what they were saying. The food was totally different to our usual. It is very tasty but a little too spicy and oily for my liking. They are always eating but you don't see overweight people so perhaps their diet is better. Narrow cobbled streets that wound through the area helped you feel totally lost. The call to prayer from the mosques was at first alarming but became comforting. It is broadcast by speakers and each mosque does its own call. One night we were having a rooftop dinner and we heard the call from several mosques floating around us. This happens five times a day. The interior of the mosques we entered was beautiful and they tended to favour the blue coloured tiles.

Never miss the Grand Bazaar if you go to Istanbul. The colours, the quantity of stalls and the variety of articles was mind blowing. I did not get enough time there at all. We went through another market where there were baskets and baskets of spices. The smells were amazing and the colours very vivid. We even saw a fellow "doctor-professor- he had everything covered" selling leeches.

Every male we saw in Sultanamet was wearing a suit. Even the gardener had a suit on with good shoes. They seem to be very particular with their appearance.

Street vendors were pushing large carts around the streets either selling household items or collecting household broken items. They would have needed to be strong because of the cobbled streets and the up and down terrain. I would have liked to have seen more of Turkey as I have heard it has many different types of terrain and is quite different in the country to what you experience in Istanbul.

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Ridgelands School News

Country Fair

The Ridgelands State School Country Fair was held on the 23rd August.

The P&C raised more than what they have in the past couple of years. A big thank you to Lynne Foxwell and her band of workers for making it a wonderful day.

Thank you to all of our community for turning up and making it a great success.

Special Presentation

Today our School was presented a cheque from Battery World and Rockhampton Regional Council for winning the Battery World Recycling Program. These cheques were presented by Skip and Kitty Wren from Battery World and Cr Brad Carter, Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council. The Mayor also presented our Redback Awards. WIN television was present and recorded the event for the news.

Redback Awards

Congratulations to our Ridgelands Redback Award Recipients they are : Rudy Stanke, Jacob Simpson, Meg Berryman, Amber Patteson, Neve Tomkins, Peta Mestrez, Isobel Chisholm, Matthew Stanke, Chenai Boucher, McKayla Munro. Thank you awards went to Julie Lovell and Roger Croser.

School Concert

This Wednesday 17th September our Annual School Concert will be taking place at the Ridgelands Hall commencing at 7.00p.m. All classes have been busy rehearsing and it should be a great show. We ask that families make a gold coin donation at the door. This will cover costs for the lighting and sound. There will also be raffle tickets sold at the door. This years prizes are a circular saw, rechargeable spotlight and bottles of wine.

Prep Enrolments

We are currently looking at numbers for our Prep class in 2009. At the moment we have unofficially about five students. If you know of any eligible children in the area who have not yet enrolled, please ask their parents to contact the school.

Yours in Education
Les Berryman, Acting Principal

Rockhampton Regional Library News.

Book Review

'The sound of one hand clapping'

If you love books, and reading- why not come along to the free Bookclub that meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm, at the Rockhampton North Library, 154 Berserker Street, North Rockhampton,

Richard Flanagan's '*The sound of one hand clapping*' has been hailed as a humbling masterpiece. The dustcover's vivid description may serve to whet your literary appetite:

"In the winter of 1954, in a construction camp that festered like a bad wound in the remote Tasmanian highlands, when Sonja Buloh was three years old and her father was drinking too much, Sonja's mother walked into a blizzard never to return. "Some thirty-five years later, when Sonja visits Tasmania and her drunkard father, the shadows of the past begin to intrude ever more forcefully into the present - changing forever his living death and her ordered life. "The Sound of One Hand Clapping is about the underbelly of Australia, the barbarism of Europe, and the destiny of those in the country beyond hope who seek to redeem themselves through love."

The Sound of One Hand Clapping was the winner of the 1998 Victorian Premier's Prize for Best Novel, and the 1999 ABA Australian Book of the Year Prize. It was also short-listed for the 1998 Miles Franklin Award.

Flanagan's book will be discussed on 5 November. Contact the Library to reserve your copy, and book your seat at Bookclub

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Ridgелands Show News.

The new Show committee was elected at the AGM and is:

Chairman: Rob Bishop
Vice Chairman: Ken Stewart
Vice President: Stewart Jones
Secretary: Julann Chippendale
Assistant Secretary: Dianne Bull
Treasurer: Christine Ward
Patroness: Margaret Stewart

An Auction and Barbecue, run by Ridgелands Show will be held at Ridgелands Show Grounds on 11th October 2008 in aid of the Helicopter Rescue Service, commencing at 6 pm. Your donation to the auction will be appreciated.
Phone Rob White 4934 5146
Rob Bishop 4934 5135

Recipe Corner

Easy Cheesecake Slice

250gm Pkt Scotch Finger Biscuits
300ml Thickened Cream
395 gm sweetened Condensed Milk
Chilled
½ cup lemon juice
Strawberries/kiwi fruit to decorate

Lightly grease a 20 x 30 slice pan
Line base with baking paper
Line Base with biscuits
In a small bowl whip cream until
soft peaks form
Combine condensed milk and juice
in large bowl. Fold cream into mixture
Pour over biscuits. Refrigerate until set.
Cut into squares and decorate.

Thank You

On behalf of Mark and myself I would like to thank the wonderful emergency services who attended our recent shed fire. The fire brigade from Rockhampton and Rural were on the scene in a very short time. Though the shed was well and truly beyond saving their efforts are to be commended. Special thanks to *Rob Chippendale* who stayed for the day and helped to keep wetting down the hay, which was quite deep on the floor of the shed. To those who called with their kind words thank you also. You know who you are. Again our thanks and appreciation to all involved.

Kelli, Mark Tomkins and family

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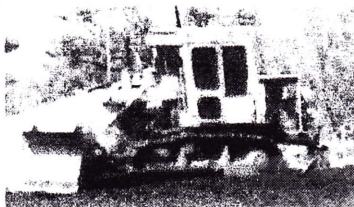
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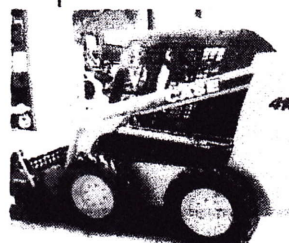
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WHAT'S ON

Alton Downs Hall Association Inc.

A dance will be held at the Alton Downs Hall on the following date:
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.

Date Claimer. Ridgeland Hall Assoc. Licensed Christmas Karoake

In aid of Ridgeland Hall Funds.
Saturday 6th December commencing 6.30pm at the Ridgeland Hall.
Spit pig, roast beef and vegetables.
All Welcome

Alton Downs Hall Committee

Sid Hoare is the booking officer for Community Hall. 49341147.
T Hoare Ph 4934 1493
J Chippendale 4934 5120

LOST

Missing Jugs

Several Silver Milk Jugs have gone missing from the Ridgeland Hall and QCWA Rooms. If you know of their whereabouts please contact L Chippendale 4934 5157

Gas Bottles Missing

from Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club
Please return these to the club or Phone Alex Reid 4934 1124

QCWA Ridgeland Branch

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker from **'Beyond Blue'**
Wednesday 1st October,
9:00am QCWA Rooms - Dalma Rd, Ridgeland Entry \$2.50
All proceeds donated to Beyond Blue
Enquiries: Leanne 07 4934 5157

NOTICES

For Hire.

Chairs for hire for functions. Contact the Ridgeland State School P&C.
Phone: 49345518.

Lost Dog

Female Bullterrier /Bull Arab 2Yr old
White, brindle patches, very friendly
Lost on Nine Mile Road on 2nd Sept.
Phone 49341 661 or 0427 581 300
Reward offered

Alton Downs Fire Brigade. Emergency Number is 000.

Fire permits must be applied for **48 hours** prior to burning off.
For permit contact your fire warden.

Marriage Celebrant
Naming, Commitment, renewal of vows ceremonies
Jill Fry JP Qual Qld
Ph 4934 1444

Ridgeland Show celebrates its 30th Birthday on the 18th September 2008. The first meeting was held on that day to buy the grounds to hold the Show.

Notice

Dalma Rural Fire Brigade
Combined AGM and Public Meeting
To discuss fire levy.
Dalma Hall at 7.00pm
15th October 2008
More information ring 4934 5929

Happy 50th birthday to the twins-
Fiona Petersen & Greg Dyer
For 7th October

MEETINGS

QCWA

Ridgeland 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

Show Meeting

Wednesday
8th October, 2008.
7.30pm

FARADAY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE & Faraday Ratepayers meeting

The Annual Faraday Rural Fire Brigade AGM and Public meeting is to be held at the *Ridgeland Community Hall* at 7.30 pm
Friday 7 November 2008
New members always welcome