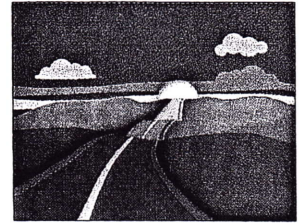


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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NORFOLK ISLAND HOLIDAY

Well, like many other Australians and even Alton Downers, I have recently visited Norfolk Island. To say that it is a beautiful island would be an understatement - lush green hilly pastures, Norfolk pine tree and surrounded by crystal ocean water. Their average rainfall for the year is 52 inches and up until my visit in September, they had received 64 inches. If only we could receive half that rainfall!

For those people interested in history, Norfolk Island is definitely the place to visit. Initially the island was a convict settlement and whilst walking through the cemetery, it was obvious that not many convicts lived over the age of 40 and this was no wonder, when you see and hear of the atrocious conditions they lived and worked in.

After the second convict settlement was disbanded, Queen Victoria offered to move the residents of Pitcairn Island, which was becoming overcrowded, to Norfolk Island and this is how they came to Norfolk Island. Currently there are approximately 1700 permanent residents on the island, with their main income coming from tourism. They average about 500 visitors per week.

Norfolk islanders are very friendly and proud of their heritage, and make you welcome into their homes through progressive dinners, murder-mystery night dinners and afternoon teas in their beautiful gardens. While visiting their homes, it is evident that they make the best use of the Norfolk Pine, with natural timber walls, floors and ceilings.

One of their traditions is that for all residents that live to be 100 or over, when they pass away, that the number of trees of their choice are planted in a row on the island. Should you visit, you will see 100 Norfolk pines planted in a row down at Kingston and near the airport, there is 103 oak trees plants for another past resident.

If you are looking for a relaxing, friendly and economic holiday, I would strongly recommend that you visit Norfolk Island.

Armistice Day 11/11/08

Eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, pause for a minute to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

**Please ensure that your advertising for Pre Christmas events is in early.
The newsletter will be published on 15th November**

Mrs Paddison

Mrs Paddison is currently at Westwood State School as Acting Principal for weeks 2 and 3. Mr Douglas will be in the 4/5 class for the two weeks.

Every Day Counts

Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support the new State Government initiative to improve student attendance.

The new program – *Every Day Counts* – has four key messages:

- All children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day
- Schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools
- Attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community
- Children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend or skip school.

While most students attend school consistently, there are a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education.

Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future. If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school. For more information or if you need support regarding your child's attendance, see our school principal and download the guide for parents at:

www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/

Winter Sport Presentations

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

Rugby League

Daniel Bahnisch, Lachlan Hunt, Bill Baumann, Tayla Stanke, Melinda Lovell, Hailey Baumann, Sarah Barlow.

Netball

Soccer

David Foxwell and Amy Bean

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

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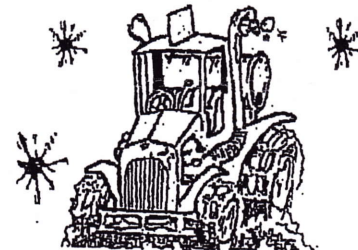
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**Australian Country
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occasions. Shopping
Fair 49280088**

CQ Mudspartz Inc

Present

TWIN TRACK MUD SPRINTS



Saturday 29th November 2008
Racing Starts at 3pm and continuing
through the Night under Lights

- At Kabra Motor Sports Park follow the signs
- Juniors, Standards, Buggy's and 4WD
- Please bring your own chairs
- No eskies allowed
- Trackside Bar
- Canteen Facilities Available
- Plenty of Parking

Rockhampton Regional Library News.

Libraries are great!

Did you know that you can access these resources at your local Library?

- ▶ Books ▶ E-resources ▶ Videos ▶ DVDS ▶ Internet ▶ Word processing facilities ▶ Toys, games
- ▶ Pedometers ▶ National and international newspapers ▶ Audio books ▶ Archives

(Rockhampton South Library) ▶ Family history resources (Rockhampton South Library)

- ▶ Car, boat, truck, motorbike manuals ▶ And much more!

Contact your local library for more information. Remember that membership is free for residents and ratepayers of Rockhampton Regional Council.

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details available in
Community
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Directory. 49341132

Polocrosse Club News

Congratulations to the Alton Downs Polocrosse club which has members representing Queensland at the 2008 Nationals held in Perth WA.

Jock Purcell has been selected for the Junior Mixed team. Our Club President, Alex Reid, is again coaching a Queensland Team. He is the coach of the open Under 21 team this year. Alex is a veteran coach having coached Qld teams in more than 7 Nationals and has had 2 years as the Qld Coaching Director. He and Jock have travelling with others taking a week to drive to Perth with their horses. The competition begins on Monday 13th October with the finals being played on Sunday 19th October. After the Finals they will have a weeks drive again to get home. The Club wishes them luck and a safe journey.

P&C News

Next year several families who have been strongly involved in our P&C Association will be moving on due to their children departing for secondary school, so this will be a very important time for more families to become involved in the P&C. It is extremely important for the school and the students to have a functional P&C Association. Without this functional P&C we would not have air-conditioning in our classrooms, a fully reticulated water supply from the river, our beautiful gardens at the entrance to our school, among many other things. The P&C has continually fund raised and worked constructively to make these projects a reality for our children, and future children to enjoy. As well, over the last several years the P&C has also been able to donate \$6000 a year to the school to top up their information technology budget to give our children better access to this equipment. So I would strongly advise all those families who can become involved in the P&C to do so when ever they can, and achieve the benefits for your own children, as well as others. A few years ago we instigated the presentation of life memberships of the P&C to recognise families who have had exceptional input into our P&C over the time of their involvement. I would now like to invite Stewart and Loretta Titmarsh to please come forward. This presentation may be a little after the fact but we feel the recognition is important. For several years Stewart and Loretta donated a large percentage of their recycled glass income to the P&C resulting in several thousands of dollars being raised and thus assisting our fundraising efforts considerably and allowing us to achieve some of these for mentioned projects. So on behalf on the Ridgeland P&C Association I would like to present Stewart and Loretta with this plaque representing life membership of our P&C for their very kind donations and commitment to our fundraising activities. So thank you both very much. Tonight we would also like to present one more life membership to a family who helped orchestrate our Life Membership policy to honour past families for their commitment to our P&C and we believe there is no worthier recipient in recent times then themselves. I now invite Mark and Judy Stanke to please come forward. This family was totally involved in our P&C long before I volunteered and I've been involved for the last 10 years, so we feel their huge commitment deserves recognition. They have been involved in almost every activity during my time in some way or another and the bonus bit was they just about always bought at least one child with them, therefore more hands to help. I know first hand that our recent achievements as a P&C would not have been as easily achieved or successful had they not been involved, and we know they will leave a huge hole to fill. Mark and Judy please accept this plaque representing your life membership of our P&C and thanks for all your help over this extended period. Vivian Duff (President)

Congratulations **Kevin Steggle and Therese Wyland** Married at 3.30pm, on Friday 3rd October at St Peter's Allentown. Kevin's groomsmen were Snowy Ireland and Geoff Estreich and Therese bridesmaids were her sisters Anne and Clare. The bridesmaids were dressed in chocolate brown gowns, the men in brown and cream. Kevin's children Jessica and Henry were also part of the wedding party with Henry dressed the same as his dad. The reception was held at the Heritage Village where 130 guests partied on until after midnight, having a great time. Kevin and Therese then went to Fiji for there honey moon. By now they are back and settling into married life.

<p>Mark West Gents Hairdresser 49227114 11 Wandal Road</p>
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<p>Robo's Motor Works Peter Robinson 49210200 Cnr North & Campbell</p>
<p>A1 Exhausts and Mechanical – Tony Hodgon 49221799 Cnr Denison & William</p>
<p>Fitzroy Nurseries Six Mile Rd, Pink Lily 49272388 Open 7 days 8-5pm</p>
<p>Painting Contractor RJ Mylrea 49341138 0439 690 354</p>
<p>MS & SM McQuillan Painting Contractor 49345560 0407 272 224</p>

RECIPE CORNER

Sausage and Zucchini Pasta

4 thin sausages

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 red onion, thinly sliced

1 zucchini, halved and sliced

575g jar pasta sauce

300g rollini pasta

Grated parmesan to serve

Cook sausages in frying pan until browned.

Slice into chunks. Heat olive oil in same pan.

Saute sausage chunks, onion and zucchini for 2-3 minutes. Stir in pasta sauce and cook, stirring for 1-2 minutes.

Cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling water for 3-4 minutes. Drain and toss hot sauce through. Top with grated parmesan.

Word Power

anopisthograph: something that has writing on only one side (usually paper, although you could pedantically use this for things like t-shirts or billboards).

Anopisthography is the practice of writing on only one side of something, a policy disdained by those who know how to make that 1-to-2 button on the copy machine work. (Opisthography is the practice of writing on both sides.) (from Greek words that mean "written on the back or cover.")

mesonoxian: of or related to midnight. 'What are your mesonoxian plans?' sounds so much better on Dec. 31 than 'Hey, whatcha doin' tonight?'

ichoglan: a page waiting in the palace of the Sultan. (from Turkish words that mean 'interior' and 'young man.'). In this definition, 'waiting' obviously means 'serving,' but it's so much more poetic to understand it as 'to stay in expectation of.' What is he waiting FOR? Alas, the Sultan has fled, and we will never know. *From Erin McKean's webpage*

JOKE: Following the problems in the sub-prime lending market in America, Northern Rock, Bradford & Bingley etc in the UK, uncertainty has now hit Japan.

In the last 7 days Origami Bank has folded, Sumo Bank has gone belly up and Bonsai Bank announced plans to cut some of its branches.

Yesterday it was announced that Karaoke Bank was up for sale and is likely to go for a song, while today shares in Kamikaze Bank were suspended after they nose-dived.

While Samurai Bank is soldiering on following sharp cutbacks, Ninja Bank is reported to have taken a hit, but they remain in the black.

Furthermore, 500 staff at Karate Bank got the chop and analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank where it is feared staff may get a raw deal. Soy on Ara

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.

Ridgелands Hall Assoc. Licensed Christmas Karoake

In aid of Ridgелands Hall Funds.

Saturday 6th December commencing 6.30pm at the Ridgелands Hall.

Spit pig, roast beef and vegetables.

Adults \$10.00 with a lucky meal ticket draw.

Primary children \$5.00

Sweets \$3.00

Christmas lollies for children

RAFFLE

GOLD COIN ENTRY

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

Proverbs 20:27

The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, searching all the inner depths of his heart.

NOTICES

For Hire.

Chairs for hire for functions. Contact the Ridgелands State School P&C.

Phone: 49345518.

Looking for Local Family Day Care?

My name is Paula O'Brien. I'm registered with the Salvation Army Day Care Scheme and would love your child or children to experience the family fun we have here at Day Care.

Available Monday to Saturday from 7.00am, Vacation care, before and after school care, ages 0 to 12.

Phone: 49 220153

Mob: 043 888 1869.

Date Claimer 13th December, 2008 Alton Downs Polocrosse Club Christmas Carol

MEETINGS

QCWA

Ridgелands 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

12th November, 2008.

7.30pm

Congratulations to **Cameron Milner** on qualifying for the 2008 Junior national Finals Rodeo in the State Ride Barrel Racing and Breakaway Roping. Cameron will be competing at Warwick on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th. Good Luck, Cameron.

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Opportunity to order now for Christmas

Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Association will be held at Ridgелands Hall on **November 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. with drinks after. Specific invitation is made to all local residents of Alton Downs, South Yamba, Dalma, Ridgелands Morinish and Glenroy. Council reps will be present.

Morinish Landcare meeting will be held on **November 12th** at 9:00 am. **AGM** meeting. Venue to be advised. Contact 49345115

Xeri-scaping: Landscaping with native plants.

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