

# Around the ridges

## and a bit beyond



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### Our Golden Wedding Celebration.

Written by Margaret Stewart.

Ken and I were fortunate to reach our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2008. We celebrated the milestone with family and friends on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2008 in the Ridgeland hall.

Guests were treated to a very nice, two course luncheon prepared and served by the Ridgeland QCWA ladies.

Master of Ceremonies for the day was Ken's nephew, Ron Milne. Music and vocals were by Greg Rae and his guitar, with Slim Dusty CDs taking over during Greg's break. Guests were entertained with two dance solos performed by our granddaughter Alex, firstly a jazz and then a tap. It was Alex's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on the day.

After the speeches were complete it was time to cut our Anniversary cake. It was made and beautifully iced by Marcia Edminstone. The centre was a marzipan replica of the artificial top of our original cake.

Our full wedding party was present, which was a very pleasing achievement. The Hall looked grand with the white tables and chairs and lemon, lilac (bridesmaids' colours) and gold helium balloons. Two large vases of flowers adorned the stage thanks to Maxine Macauley.

During the afternoon guests were treated to a power point slide show, compiled and presented by Alex.

Ken and I had a most enjoyable time and we hope our guests did as well. It was wonderful to have so many relatives and friends together on the day. Our thanks to everyone for making it such a special day for us.



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### Ridgeland's Show News

The Ridgeland's District Sporting and Agricultural Association Inc. has received a grant of \$6475.00 from the Queensland Department of Local Government Planning Sporting and recreation.

This grant will be used on improvements to the showgrounds.

**Next meeting will be 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.**

### Ridgeland's Hall News

The Ridgeland's Hall successfully held a Christmas Karaoke on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2008. Patrons enjoyed a meal of roast pork and beef, with roast vegetables followed by sweets. A basket of goodies was won by Gerard Ellrott with a lucky meal ticket. Lollies were handed out to the children present.

Entertainment was provided by the many participants in the Karaoke.

Raffle prizes were won by Sharon West and Mark Shepherd.

Thank you to the non-committee members who helped out on the night and thanks to everyone for their support.

### Stella Awards for 2009

That's right, these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head. So keep your head scratcher handy.

#### 3rd Place

A jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor, Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

Whatever happened to people being responsible for their own actions?

#### 2nd Place

Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware, sued the owner of a nightclub in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies' room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the nightclub had to pay her \$12,000, plus dental expenses!

#### 1st Place

This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was Mrs. Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motorhome. On her first trip home, from a football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the free way, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her, are you sitting down, \$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

Proverb: 12:23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools  
proclaimeth foolishness.

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### Word from Iceland: berserk

The first syllable of **berserk** is spelt *ber* though you do not hear the *r*. It is spelt like this because *ber* comes from an Icelandic word meaning 'bear-like'. A **berserker** was a Norse warrior of great courage and strength who fought with frenzied fury in battle.

### BOOK LAUNCH

Meet **Lyn Lawrence** at the launch of *Grandad's Gift*.

**When:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2009

**Where:** Rockhampton Regional Library, Bolsover Street, Rockhampton

This is Lyn's first children's picture book and will be launched by Noel Landry, CEO of Beef Australia 2009.

This is a free event but bookings are essential.

Phone (07) 49 341 451 or (M) 040 900 2754 or email [enquiries@lynlawrencebooks.com](mailto:enquiries@lynlawrencebooks.com) to make a booking.

**For book purchases** (\$16.95 + postage/handling) visit [www.lynlawrencebooks.com](http://www.lynlawrencebooks.com)

### Recipe Corner

#### Ham and Cheese Bake

2 teaspoons olive oil  
1 small onion finely chopped  
2 garlic cloves crushed (optional)  
10 slices bread crusts removed  
100gm shaved ham  
2/3 cup coarsely grated cheese  
3 eggs  
500mls milk

#### **Method:**

Grease a 1.5 ltr shallow oven dish with butter. Cook onion in oil in frying pan add garlic. Cook further 30 seconds. Cool.

Cut bread in half diagonally. Arrange half of the bread in the base of a greased oven dish. Spread the ham and onion mix on top of the bread. Sprinkle with half of the cheese. Top with remaining bread, overlapping slightly. Top with remaining cheese. Whisk together eggs and milk. Pour over bread in dish. Set aside for 15 minutes until the bread absorbs some of the liquid. Bake in a moderate oven for 40\*-45minutes until top is golden and mixture is set.

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### Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club News

Our community Christmas Carols was held Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December. It was a hot night but Santa still arrived on Jack Bush's cart and had gifts for the children. While the attendance was down on previous years, those who participated had a good night. Thank you to Jenny Reeve and David Fry for leading us in the Carols, to Paul O'Sullivan and family for decorating and to the Reids and the others in the kitchen. The **Capricorn Field Archers** and **Alton Downs Pony Club** will be recommencing activities with the **Polocrosse Club** signing on in March. All clubs welcome new members. The Friday night bar is open and the Joker Wild is still above \$500. Come down and try your luck.

Our **AGM** is **Feb 1 at 4pm** and members are asked to attend. A sausage sizzle will be held after.

### Word from Welsh: eisteddfod

The word **eisteddfod** comes from a Welsh word (meaning 'session') and the spelling contains combinations of letters that are common in Welsh but unusual in English. The main spelling points to remember are that the sound at the beginning is spelt *ei* though it is pronounced 'uh', there is a double *d* in the middle, and the last syllable is *fod* although it sounds like 'fuhd'.

## WHAT' S ON

**Alton Downs Hall**  
Indoor bowls held 1st  
Saturday of every month  
at Alton Downs  
Hall all welcome.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009**  
at 4.00pm  
**Alton Downs Polocrosse  
and Sports Club**  
**AGM**  
Sausage sizzle after.

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

**Fitzroy Northern Area**  
**Ratepayers Association**  
meeting to be held 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**February @ Alton Downs**  
**Hall 7:30pm.**

Topic: Road maintenance  
register, councillors will be  
present. All local people  
welcome.

*"The past is but the  
beginning of a beginning."  
HG Wells*

## NOTICES

### For Hire.

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

**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.

### Congratulations

Julie and Grant Paddison on the  
arrival  
of  
Chelsea  
Born 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2008.

### Congratulations

Miriam and Roger  
Croser  
on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary  
29<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.

### CONGRATULATIONS SHANE IKER

Winner 2009  
Australian Champion:  
All-round Cowboy

And also with partner  
Grant Hanrahan  
Winner 2009  
Team Roping Event

### Congratulations

Nadia and Tom Bartlem  
on the arrival of a  
daughter,  
Cadence.

### Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Roger Croser  
16<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

### Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Krystal Thompson  
17<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.

**Thank You to those who  
decorated their houses in  
lights for Christmas**

## MEETINGS

### QCWA

Ridglands 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.  
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### Show Meeting

Wednesday,  
11<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

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## JOKE TIME

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

## TAX RELIEF For PARENTS Keep your receipts.

The Federal Government new Education Tax Refund allows for tax refunds of 50% a year on some purchases up to a total value of \$750 for primary schools students and \$1500 for secondary school students. **You must keep receipts for items bought throughout the year that are considered necessary for a student's school education.**

Computers, Internet access, textbooks, tools and stationery are included.



**MARKET DATES FOR 2009  
8AM TO 12 NOON  
CONAGHAN PARK GRACEMERE**

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
2<sup>ND</sup> MAY  
6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
4<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**NO MARKETS AUGUST  
BECAUSE OF ROCKY SWAP  
5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER  
7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
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## Newsletter Committee

Would you like to help out on our Newsletter?  
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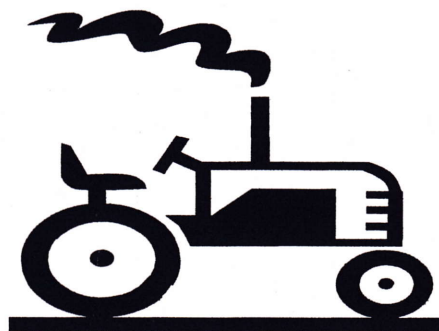
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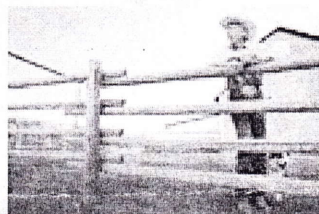
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# DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

**Australia is the driest inhabited continent in the world.  
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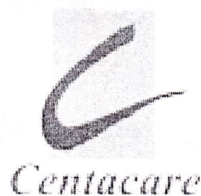
The money will be used to provide the following services to drought-affected people in CQ:

- **FREE counselling to families and individuals;**
- **Community development activities; and**
- **Information, skills training and referral services.**

A counsellor can assist in dealing with stress, relationship concerns, or worries about a family member. The services can be helpful if someone is worried, feeling hopeless or continuously sad.



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