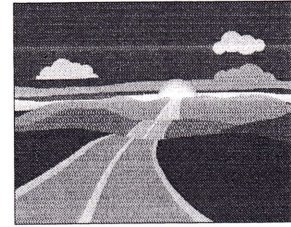


# Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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*Please Note:* Cut off date for contributions **15<sup>th</sup>** of every month. Advertising for special events two months prior notice required.

## Central Queensland Carcase Classic 2009

Following the overwhelming support, success and positive feedback for our Inaugural Central Queensland Carcase Classic Competition we are once again seeking your support through sponsorship for the second Central Queensland Carcase Classic in 2009. A total of \$4 767 was given back to the local communities involved in 2008. The beneficiaries of our competition in the coming year will include Ridgeland and Marlborough Show Societies, Mackenzie River, Dingo and Capricornia School of Distance Education P and C Associations and the Clarke Creek branch of the Isolated Children's and Parents' Association. We once again ask that you consider Class Sponsorship for this event at one of the following levels:

Gold Level:	Cash Prize, Goods or Services to the value of \$1 000.00.
Silver Level:	Cash Prize, Goods or Services to the value of \$500.00.
Bronze Level:	Cash Prize, Goods or Services to the value of \$250.00.

At this stage, as the Committee is to begin promoting the competition in the near future, all we require is a commitment to sponsorship and this will allow us to promote your business in our advertising campaign.

The competition is once again to be conducted by Teys Lakes Creek, Rockhampton and is to commence on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The competition will run for the duration of the week and will conclude with a Presentation Dinner on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

Thanking you

*Georgie Connor*

(Secretary)

email [georgie@cqoz.com](mailto:georgie@cqoz.com)

### **Budding, Boys Rd, Ben Hur's.....**

Rumour has it that two local budding Romans decided to make a Chariot out of a cart. They proceeded to hitch three horses to said cart (chariot). The horses objected as it did not comply with Occupational health and Safety and Actors Equity. They took off in three different directions wrecking the cart in the process and running over said charioteers. The charioteers have new racing colours, *black and blue* and a new team song that cannot be repeated in polite company.

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## Ridgelands State School News

Welcome to a new year and a new principal of Ridgelands State School. I will be providing news through this newsletter throughout the year to assist you all in keeping up-to-date on the happenings of the school.

My teaching background has seen me work in several state primary schools including Mt Morgan and Parkhurst. In a leadership role I have acted as principal at Coowoonga and Stanwell State School. This is my first permanent teaching/principal role and I look forward to the challenges it will bring over the coming years.

I look forward to working with the parents, P&C and community to lead the school with common goals as our focus. As a new member to the Ridgelands community I would like to encourage those from around the area to offer constructive ideas on how to improve the school.

Late last week the students collected donations towards the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. The students created a coin line with the donated funds and in doing so created a 21 metre long coin line worth over \$250. Quite a remarkable effort for a small rural school.

Until next time.

Brad Carlson, Principal



**To The Editor:**

### A BIG CHRISTMAS LIGHTS THANK YOU TO ALL.

Barry & Rhonda Stelling of 693 Ridgeland's Road Alton Downs & Christine & Andrew Jeffcc of 785 Ridgeland's Alton Downs would like to thank the many kind people who placed car and gifts in our letter boxes to thank us for the Xmas lights. It is our pleasure to make some peoples drive home more enjoyable and we feel it displays the Xmas spirit. So please take this as an official "THANK YOU" to all those lovely people who appreciate the effort that you go to, you are the people who make it all worthwhile. We are looking forward to next year and perhaps we will meet some of these great folk.

Thank you

Rhonda & Barry Stelling

#### Australia Facts

- Australia is the lowest continent in the world at 330 metres average elevation
- The world's highest mountain is Mount Everest at 8,848 metres. This is 4 times higher than Mt Kosciusko
- Mawson Peak on Heard Island is the highest point in Australia
- Apart from Antarctica, Australia is the driest continent in the world. Because it receives so little rain about 35% is effectively desert. In total 70% of mainland Australia receives less than 50cm annually
- The UK has 248.25 people per sq Kilometre where Australia has 2.66

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## Writing YOUR story

Have you ever had the urge to write your story? Or leave your memories in a book format for your family to enjoy? Do you struggle with a blank page, and wonder where to begin?.

Lesley Syngé will be conducting two all day writing '**Real Life Writing Workshops**' workshops at Council's Libraries in early March. The workshops are suitable for both beginner, and more experienced writers, with participants greatly enjoying the stimulus that Lesley brings to the small, personalised sessions.

The **Real Life Writing Workshops** will be held on:

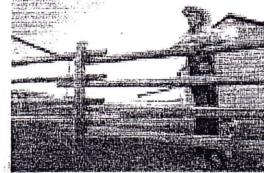
- **Friday 7 March**, 10am- 4.30pm at the **Mount Morgan Library**, 31 Morgan Street, Mount Morgan.  
(Cost \$40 pp) Telephone 49381169
- **Saturday 8 March**, 10am-4.30pm at the **Rockhampton Regional Library**, 230 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton (Cost \$40pp) Telephone 49270955

Due to the anticipated high demand, and small number of participants accepted for each workshop, **bookings with payment are preferred**. Contact the Libraries' East Street office on telephone 49270955 for more information.

# DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

**Australia is the driest inhabited continent in the world.  
Drought is a regular part of the Australian way of life.**

Centacare Rockhampton has been given a generous grant by FaHCSIA to assist people suffering stress or personal difficulty as a result of the drought.



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.

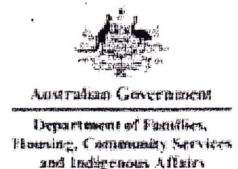


*Would you, or someone you know  
such as a friend or a family member,  
like to use our free counselling services?  
Or find out more information?*



**Call 07 4927 1700**

Or visit [www.centacare.net](http://www.centacare.net)



## WHAT' S ON

### Indoor Bowls

held 1st Saturday of every month at Alton Downs Hall 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

### Alton Downs Hall Dances

21<sup>st</sup> March, 2009  
16<sup>th</sup> May, 2009,  
29<sup>th</sup> August, 2009  
31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009  
Commencing at 7.30pm  
**Music by Man in Black**  
Phone Joyce 4934 5120  
Tom 4934 1493

## NOTICES

**Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club**  
**BAR OPEN**  
Friday Nights

### For Hire.

Chairs for hire for functions. Contact the Ridgeland's 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.

Q: Why did the teacher wear dark glasses?  
A: Because the class was so bright!

### Missing

Two 3year old steers – red Brahman & Limousin/Brahman cross  
Last seen Moses Road  
Graham Pott  
Phone: 0407 15272

## MEETINGS

### QCWA

Ridgeland's 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

### Show Meeting

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

## RECIPE CORNER

### DESSERT HOT CROSS BUNS

**2 eggs**  
**½ cup milk**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla essence**  
**60g butter**  
**4 hot cross buns, halved**  
**sliced banana, strawberries and maple syrup**  
**to serve**  
**ice-cream or whipped cream (optional)**  
**Method:-**  
**In a bowl, whisk together eggs, milk and vanilla.**  
**Heat butter in a frying pan on medium. Dip hot cross buns into egg mixture, turning to coat.**  
**Cook buns for 2-3 minutes each side until golden.**  
**Serve with banana and strawberries. Drizzle with maple syrup. Delicious for breakfast or add ice-cream or whipped cream for a dessert.**

### Grandad's Gift

Local Children's Author, Lyn Lawrence has recently published a children's picture book – Grandad's Gift.

This is a heart warming personal story of life on the land.

If you missed the book launch but are still interested in purchasing a copy of the book, please contact Lyn by

- visiting her website [www.lynlawrence.com](http://www.lynlawrence.com)
- phoning Lyn on 04 0900 2754
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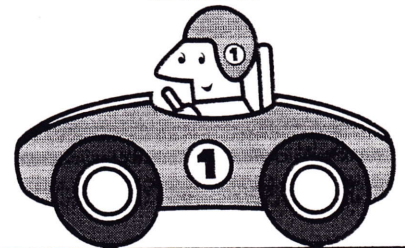
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Q: Why couldn't the Pirates play card?

A: Because the Captain was standing on the Deck.