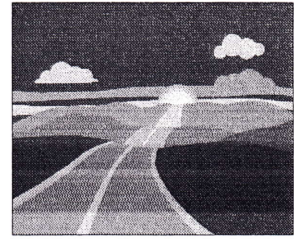


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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Please Note: Cut off date because of EASTER is **4th April 09** next month

Anzac Day 25th April

The Anzac Memorial

These heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives..
You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.
Therefore, rest in peace.
There is no difference between the Johnnies
And the Mehnets to us where they lay side by side,
Here in this country of ours.
You, the mother, who sent their sons from far away countries..
Wipe away your tears.
Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace.
After having lost their lives on this land, they have
Become our sons as well.



Tribute to the ANZACs by M Kemal Ataturk 1934

The Around the Ridges Newsletter Committee wishes to thank you for your support and your sponsorship.

We asked the Principal and teachers for their suggestions and wish list. At their suggestion, we have been able to donate \$2000 to the school towards a new reading scheme which includes books, teaching aids and resources for the school. The scheme actually costs in excess of \$8,000. We are sure the students will benefit from this.

We would appreciate your continued support. Sponsorship of a months Newsletter is only \$50.

Any events and community information is greatly appreciated. Please email or phone us with local news, birthday and special occasions.

The Newsletter Committee wishes the community a safe, happy and holy Easter.



Ridgelands Hall
Rob 49345564

Ridgelands School News

**Rockhampton
Regional Council**
1300 22 55 77
Division 5 Councillor
Ms Cherie Rutherford
0439 753
cherie.rutherford@rcc.q
ld.gov.au

What a busy start to the school year. Earlier this month the school, along with the assistance of Mr Jim Pearce presented the school captains with their badges for 2009. This year has seen a rare occurrence with all captain and vice captains being female. The captains for 2009 are Jaide and Lauren while Tessa and Teghan will represent the school as vice captains.

Returned & Services
League Australia.
Jill Fry 49227747
Pensions Officer &
Advocate

For those who travel past the school you will notice the fantastic front garden and grounds are looking a treat. With over 50 volunteers, young and old, the school was transformed. The front garden provided the major challenge with two trailer loads of weeds being removed. Thank you again to all who participated in this exercise.

Dressmaker, Sewing
Lessons, Embroidery
Gloria Bills 49341125
0438 341 125

Ridgelands SS is also leaping ahead in the technology field with all teachers receiving their Computer 4 Teachers laptops. In conjunction with this the school has also purchased two Interactive Whiteboards. Together they will be used to shape the classrooms of the future and maximise student learning.

Auctioneer – **Richard
Thomson.** Property &
Livestock 49271308
0438 345 928

Until next time. Brad Carlson, Principal.

A Poem By Jack Bush.

OUR BEAUTIFUL RIVER

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for anything... anytime.
61 Musgrave St.
131760 49229022

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190 Campbell St
49276616

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Joinery, Timber
Merchant. 49341243
0428 132 697

**Alton Downs
Polocrosse & Sports
Club** Bar Friday 6pm
Tennis Courts available
49341124, 49341396

Geoff Estreich –
Bobcat & Truck Hire
Post digger, Trencher
0418 799 890

Maddo's Machinery Hire
Excavator, Bobcat, Truck
49341240
0427 284 391

Greg Thompson –
Bobcat, Excavator &
Truck Hire 49345587
0407 156 662

Oh Beautiful river, Oh beautiful river that runs through our town
Our people and our children swim and play and drink
your pure clean water from upstream and down.
But please can someone explain what's happening to your water.
Why are the fish all dying and the water pipes and taps blocking up with corrosion?
The big coal mining companies should hang their heads in shame
They are pumping their polluted water into your tributaries and streams.
They say it is safe and will do no harm
But it is killing the irrigation on the farm.
The cattle don't like it and the towns people are buying bottled water.
Oh beautiful river if this is the price we have to pay for progress.
Then let us go back to yesterday but leave our river stay.

Garden Tip:

Make your own White Oil:

1. Pour a cup of cooking oil and a few drops of detergent into a 1 litre plastic bottle.
2. Add ½ cup of water and shake well. (this is white oil)
3. Pour 250ml into a 9litre bucket of water and mix.
4. Put in sprayer and spray over and under leaves
5. Store left over white oil out of reach of children

POLOCROSSE CLUB

Alex Reid has been appointed to the Qld Polocrosse Management Committee and as Qld Junior Selector. *New players are welcome.* Practice starts 22/3/09 at 9am and then every Sunday until 10/5/09 when the Monto Carnival is on. Cap. Zone **COACHING CLINIC** is on 18th and 19th April at the Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club grounds. Contact A Reid on 4934 1124

Poosum Power
ian Nicholas
Electrical Contractor
Ph: 49345116
Mob: 0408 345 118

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Sheree Abotomey
32 Rayner Rd
Ph: 49341361
Mob: 0427 874 104

GoFarm – 49221088
Robert Murray
Mob: 0427 52 1080
254 Denison St

Rocky Feed and Seed Shop 2
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Ph: 49227307

Curly Top Soft Serve
Ice-Cream. Phone
to book for your event.
Gloria Bills 49341125
0438 341 125

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49227114
11 Wandal Road

Total Hair Obsession
49224225 Colours,
Foiling, Perms, Cuts.
38 William St.

Hay, Chaff, Bobcat
Hire, Water Cartage
Ph. **Ikers** 49341135
0418 155 819

Brian Dawson
Auctions – Livestock
& Property 49317318
0417 667 668

Livestock Carrier
D & J Lindley
49345519
0417 730 604

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Tractors & Parts
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Gracemere
49334500

Engine Centre - 22
Sheehan Rd. **Danny**
McNamara 49341473
0438 341 473

Cliff Munro
Mechanical
49 224 882
204-206 William St.

Specs of Gold Talk at the Library

Central Queensland has a rich cultural heritage with many goldfields. Award winning researcher and author Marilyn Dooley will take you fossicking on Rosewood Diggings; where today, only the cemetery remains as testament to the lives of its pioneers. Award winning researcher and author Marilyn Dooley will take you fossicking on Rosewood Diggings; where today, only the cemetery remains as testament to the lives of its pioneers.

Grazing cattle now move on their pastoral migration over what was once the bustling activity on the diggings. The creek, the shafts, shanties and tents, hotels and stores, can now only be imagined from stories passed down, from the occasional photograph, from surviving documents and newspaper reports; and now and again, specks that show up in the most unlikely sources.

Marilyn Dooley will be the guest speaker at the Rockhampton Regional Library, 230 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on Wednesday **25 March at 7pm**- as part of the Literary Latte program at the Library. The evening is free, and open to all.

Bookings are essential for catering purposes. Contact the Libraries' East Street office on telephone 49270955 to reserve your seat.

Knitted Squares wanted for Wraps/Blankets for Victorian Bushfire Appeal

1. squares are to measure 10 inches x 10 inches 25cm x 25cm
2. to knit use 4mm needles, 8ply yarn, cast on 50-55 stitches and knit each row in plain (garter) stitch
3. Test your tension to measure 10 inches
4. Do not knit one row plain, one row pearl (stocking stitch) as your square will curl up.
5. Start each ball of yarn at the beginning of a row and sew in ends. Do not cut ends of short as your square will unravel. When starting and finishing sew in all ends.
6. Wraps and squares can be mailed to:

Wraps with Love
PO Box 10 Gardener's Rd,
Rosebery 1445

CROSER SCHOOL BUS RUN celebrates 20 years:

Help the Croser's to locate the contact details of children who have used their Ridgeland's school run and now moved away. Where are they now?

A reunion is planned for June 09.

Please email Miriam on bonanza@skymesh.com.au or phone her on 4934 5140 or mob 0427 009 338

Macadamia Anzac Biscuits

125g Butter
2 tblespns golden syrup
½ t/spoon bi carb soda
2 tblespns boiling water
1 cup rolled oats
1 cup plain flour
1 cup brown sugar
¾ cup desiccated coconut
¼ cup glazed chopped ginger
½ cup chopped Macadamia nuts
Combine Butter & syrup in pan, stir over low heat until butter is melted.

Dissolve soda in boiling water and add to butter mixture. Place all other ingredients in large bowls and mix well. Stir in butter mixture while still warm. Roll rounded teaspoonful of mix into balls & place on baking trays. Press down lightly. Bake in moderate oven 15mins or until golden brown. Makes about 45

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

16th May, 2009,

29th August, 2009

31st October, 2009

Commencing at 7.30pm

Music by Man in Black

Phone Joyce 4934 5120

Tom 4934 1493

Auction

32 Harding Road.

28.03.09

10.00am

Outside vendors welcome

Call Jim Atkinson at

Raine and Horne.

Cent Sale

Alton Downs Hall Committee

Alton Downs Hall

1.30 pm

18th April

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Alton Downs Hall

4.27am

Followed by breakfast

Full advertising details available in Community Business Directory. 49341132

NOTICES

Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club
BAR OPEN
Friday Nights

For Hire.

Chairs for hire for functions. Contact the Ridgelands 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.

Passion comes from within. Pursue your passion wholeheartedly.

Engine Centre Rockhampton

Danny McNamara

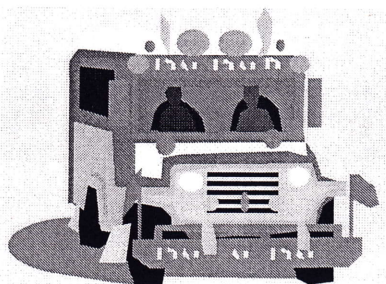
Ph: 4934 1473

Mob: 0438 341 473

22 Sheehan Rd

Alton Downs

Servicing all Cars, 4wd, Trucks and Tractors



The Birthday Book March Birthdays

Jenny Reeve, 15th

Jill Fry, 19th

Miriam Croser, 23rd

Katie Bull, 26th

Congratulations

To

Belinda O'Neill and Craig Wilkes who are to be married on 4th April.

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

Show Meeting

Wednesday,

8th April, 2009

Jokes

What do you call a lazy Kangaroo?

A Pouch potato!

Why do leopards never Escape from the zoo?

Because they are always spotted.

What kinds of ducks rob banks?

Safe quackers.

What is goanna's favourite movie?

The Lizard of OZ