

Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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newsletter.

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Please Note: Cut off date is the 15th of the Month for the next month

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

Peter and Pam Craig celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 2nd May, 2009 at Wandal QCWA Hall. They met at the Wowan Hall at one of the Saturday night dances.

Pamela had studied for her teaching career at Kelvin Grove while Peter was farming on the family property. Peter was also the secretary of the Wowan Junior Farmers and a member of the Wowan Rifle Club. Pamela's first teaching assignment was at the Wowan State school, then Westwood and Duaringa. Peter would often drive Pamela to Westwood and Duaringa on Sundays and pick her up on Friday afternoon. In those days, if a female teacher was married she would have to resign. Pamela and Peter in the Church of England, Wowan on 2nd May, 1959.

The first six years of their married life was spent at Craighleigh Property and their children Debbie, Wayne and Rhonda were born during this time. Probate forced the sale of the family property and Peter, Pam and family moved to Ayr where they spent the next seven years. Son, Scott was born during this time. Peter began selling cars, but really found his niche when he joined a machinery sales firm. They enjoyed a holiday in New Zealand when Peter won a tractor sale competition.

In 1971 Pamela decided to rejoin the teaching profession and within two days of her application she was placed at the Ayr State School, teaching 43 Grade Four children.

Milne Bros in Rockhampton called Peter in 1972 and the family moved to Rockhampton and settled in Barry Street. By this time

Scott was in Grade One and Pam transferred to Crescent Lagoon State School. They were again rewarded with a trip to New Zealand through Peter's success as a top machinery salesman. 1978 saw them move to Alton Downs. Now, in 2009, they have become members of many groups. Pamela taught at Crescent Lagoon School until 1993. She has been secretary of three or four groups – one of which was secretary of the Rockhampton District Lodge for thirteen years. She has taken members and friends on a bus trip each year for the last five or six years of the position. This actually covered much of the country that Peter knew so well. As for Peter, he is a member of the Hall Committee, Rodeo and Shows, Rural Fire, Oddfellows, Bowls, Cemetery Committee, LNP and Ratepayers. He retired from the sales position five years ago but is always going somewhere. Pamela and Peter would like to thank all those who attended their celebration. They were happy to see their friends from the early fifties along with all their friends from the following fifty years. They have lived at Alton Downs for 31 years and enjoyed the area, as well as the people and the journey to town.



GOLDEN GATHERING: Peter and Pamela Craig, of Alton Downs, will celebrate 50 years of marriage today at a celebration at the Wandal QCWA Hall.

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T.M.S.

This newsletter is kindly sponsored by Peter and Pam Craig.

Polocrosse District Carnival was held 13 and 14 June at the Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club Grounds.

18 senior teams and 4 junior teams participated with many camping at the grounds. Alton Downs fielded 3 teams and all made the finals- well done!

The results are: *A Grade* winner- Bauhinia, runners up Alton Downs; *B Grade* winner Calliope, runners up Alton Downs 2; *C Grade* winner Calliope, runners up Bauhinia 3; *D Grade* winners Alton Downs 3, runners up Calliope; *Juniors* winners Calliope, runners up Titans. **Individual trophies:** *Juniors*- Best Female player- Amelia Moore, Best Male Travis Hunter; *Under 21*- Best Female Danilka O'Sullivan, Best Male Blake Wells; *Seniors*- Best Female Trish Pengally, Best Male Greg Wells; *Best Masters Aged Player* Ian Stewart. Players began arriving on Friday. Geoff Estreich had done a great job watering the grounds which remained good for the 2 days. After breakfast the competition began. Locals Simon Ruddick, Doug Dodds and Peter Hunt entertained the crowd with their commentary. The Saturday evening meal was cooked by Paula and Carol Chippendale outside. 170 meals were served and enjoyed by the guests. It was great to see local people joining us for dinner and dancing to the music by Beau. People also gathered around campfires and the gas burner but the evening was not too cold.

There were no major injuries although Craig Reid found out on Sunday that his horse nose (knows) best. Please congratulate him on his broken nose and bruising when you see him.

The Club would like to thank the local community members and Polocrosse Club members who assisted before the Carnival, during the weekend and for the cleanup. Your support makes it more fun for all involved.

CQ MUDSPORTS NEWS:

On 16th May we held a very successful racing event at Kabra Motorsports Park. We had an excellent amount of nominations across the 3 categories and a record crowd. Spectators and competitors had a great time

Results are: *Juniors:* 1st- Adam Estreich (Dalma) in Dirt Digger, 2nd Milton Borton (Rockhampton) in Just for Fun, 3rd Jarrod Hawles (Gracemere) in FB2, 4th Matthew Shephers (Rockhampton) in Zombie, 5th Michelle Granshaw (Glenlee) in Chevy's Girl.

Standards: 1st Kevin Wales (Callen) in Bullet, 2nd Greg Pearce (Jericho) in Lead Foot, 3rd Roger Langley (Mt Morgan) in F Ugly

Buggy's: 1st Richard Shepherd (Ridgeland) in Zombie, 2nd Bruce Reid (Alton Downs) in Scrap Yard Pup, 3rd Stephen Byron (Byfield) in Bourbon Express.

We are planning another race meeting for the end of August. If you are interested in our Club or in helping out at an event please contact Margo on 4934 5958 or 0407 345955.

EQUESTRIAN NEWS- Congratulations Teams

Last weekend 7 members of the equestrian team competed at Paradise Lagoons for the Gracemere Pony Club Team Challenge. We had 3 teams- Ridgeland White: Sophie Daniel and Ruby Stanke; Ridgeland Black: Amber Petteson Jaide and Kiah Barney; We all rode in age Class but in the Junping Team Pennin and Novelty Events we rode against 20 other teams. Ridgeland White was placed 6th and Ridgeland Red 2nd overall. Thank you to Paige Barney and the parents who assisted the teams. Well done to all the Teams for their achievement.

- Kiah Barney (Team Captain).

Belated Congratulations

60th BIRTHDAY

TYRONE BUCKTON

for 14/4/09

June Birthdays

Adam Bull

27th June

Phil O'Neill

23 June

50th Wedding Anniversary

4th July 2009

Dorothy Steggall

& Bob Steggall

Engine Centre Rockhampton

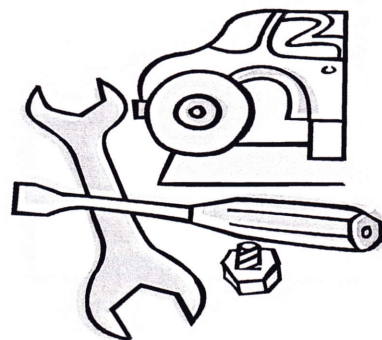
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Fire Permits

The following fires do not require a permit:

- A fire that is not greater than 2 metres in height, length or width (once any measurement exceeds two metres a permit is required).
- A fire lit to burn a carcass of a beast.
- A fire lit at a saw mill for the purpose of burning sawdust or other residue material (from saw mill operations)
- A fire lit outdoors (usually for warmth or cooking purposes) in a fire place so as to prevent the escape of burning material.

The following offences can result in a \$500 fine:

1. Lighting a fire without a permit
2. Failing to extinguish a fire by the occupier
3. Failing to report a fire
4. Failing to comply with the conditions of your fire permit
5. Leaving a fire unattended
6. Failing to take reasonable action to extinguish a fire
7. Providing misleading or false information on a fire permit application

Contact your local fire brigade or Superintendent Colin May, Area Director
4922 5858

Recipe Corner.

Corned Beef and Potato Bake.

5 eggs
1 cup cream
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon Dijon Mustard
2 medium potatoes, thinly sliced
200g leftover corned beef, sliced
150g frozen spinach, thawed
(excess liquid removed)
½ cup grated cheese
2 green onions, chopped

Preheat oven to moderate, 180 deg
Lightly grease an oven dish.

In a bowl, whisk together eggs, cream, milk & Dijon mustard. Season to taste. Dip potato slices in the egg mixture. Arrange a third over base of prepared dish. Top with half of corned beef. Combine spinach, cheese & onion. Spread over beef. Repeat layers, finishing with potatoes. Pour egg mixture over. Press firmly to submerge potatoes. Cover with foil. Bake for 1 hour or until potatoes are tender. Uncover & bake until golden & firm.

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi. (pie)

The Croser Bus Reunion on Sunday 7th June was enjoyed by 130 people from as far a field as Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. There was even a phone call from New Zealand. Miriam prepared five hours of video which showed footage of school events such as concerts, sports days, speech nights also Ridgeland's Show. Roger gave a history of the bus run and Miriam gave a history of the kids. Folks got up and talked about their experiences on the bus and their school days. Former headmaster, John Mouritz attended with his wife Bev and Les Berryman, a more recent headmaster also attended. Rod Douglas, who knew Miriam from her time at Clarke Creek spoke.

A copy of the video is available from Miriam.
Thank you to all those who attended.

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

29th August, 2009
31st 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 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.

Wanted

House Cleaner for two houses
Phone: 4934 1044

The Birthday Book June Birthdays

Craig Reid 16th June

Mobile Cold room Hire

Meat rails – Shelving
Glass Doors
Phone: 0418 265337
4934 1802

Wanted

Reasonable agistment for one miniature registered docile bull and a couple of cows with calves. One cow is only one metre tall, throws toy calves and is a prolific milker.
Ph:0434 992016
Rockhampton region

Congratulations.

A beautiful-daughter for Susan and Geoff Balmain – Marnie Alice. A sister for Henry and Lachlan
02.06.2009
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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 July, 2009
7.30pm

Australianisms

Flybag – Jam
Frog Eyes – Sago
Donkey Lick – Golden Syrup

Gardening Tip Milk Spray

1 part milk, fresh or sour
9 parts water
Checks viral diseases like tomato mosaic and kills red spider mites, caterpillars and tomato worms.

Cabbage Grub Dust

2 handfuls each of wood ash & flour with ½ cup salt.
Dust plants to kill all kinds of cabbage grubs.

Jokes

“Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a pair of curtains!”
“Pull yourself together, man!”

Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you”

Pupil: Not very much.