



# Around the ridges and a bit beyond

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## Capricorn Field Archers

The Capricorn Field Archers is a group of enthusiastic field archer from many different backgrounds brought together by their common interest in archery. The club shoots are held most Sundays at the Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club, Waroula Rd, Alton Downs. The archers assemble around eight in the morning at the club grounds where the practice range is set and the shooters prepare their equipment. Beginners are well catered for with loan equipment from the club available and plenty of free coaching from the club's qualified coaches. When all is set the range captain opens the practice range and the first lot of arrows fly, some even hitting the targets.

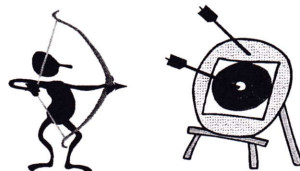
While everyone is having fun on the practice range, the hardworking people behind the scenes organise the archers into groups of four and assign them a starting target and a score sheet. Again the novices are well looked after, with more experienced members in their group, the young cubs (juniors) have adults with them at all times when on the ranges.

So, off to the first target again, the range captain gives the all clear and your group works its way around the twenty targets on the field range. After the round is complete it is back to the club house for some lunch and to find out how everyone has scored. This is the time to bring out your excuses! After lunch it is back to the field range again for another round then the scores are tallied up and it is time for some bragging or more excuses.

The club has members who shoot just about every sort of archery gear available, from the simple stick and string of longbow and recurve, to the very latest compound bow with all the accessories. So, you will probably find a like minded soul in our group. Some members travel quite a bit to competitions and test their skill against the best in the country and have been successful in these comps as well.

Archery has no boundaries and can be enjoyed by people of all ages and physical capabilities. You can be as serious as you want to be. If you just want a fun way to spend Sundays with the family or you want to be more competitive, you will be welcome at the Capricorn Field Archers.

You can find us on the internet and see our shoot calendar at <http://capricornarchers.tripod.com> or call Mark or Sharon on 4936 2692



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**Library News**

Remember there is a coffee shop in the Rockhampton town library so you can enjoy a cuppa while you read!

**Free membership** of Council's Libraries is available for residents and ratepayers of the Rockhampton region.

**Rockhampton Regional Library**, 230 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton  
Phone 49368265

**Rockhampton North Library**, 154 Berserker Street, North Rockhampton  
Phone 49285800

**Yeppoon Library**, 82 John Street, Yeppoon Phone 49393433

**School News**

Well done to the P&C, parent volunteers and the students as the school has been awarded *first place in the Rockhampton Regional Council's "School Garden Competition"*. This is a tremendous effort and just reward for the hard work that has been done to provide the school with a well maintained and eye catching entry to the school. A prize of a \$235 gift voucher was awarded to the school as recognition of the efforts.

With the end of the school year now less than 10 weeks away I would like to again extend an invitation to parents of Prep aged students to contact the school to discuss the benefits Ridgeland's can offer your child. A Prep open day will be held later this term for parents and students to come and experience Prep for themselves. Information for this event will be communicated once final details have been arranged. If you are interested in any information regarding Prep, enrolling your child or the school in general please do not hesitate to contact the school on 49 345518.

Brad Carlson.

Congratulations to CAMERON MILNER on qualifying for the 2009 Junior Nationals Finals Rodeo to be held in Warwick on Thursday 22 and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Cameron will be competing in Junior Steer Ride, Junior Barrel Racing and Junior Breakaway.

Good Luck CAMERON!

**Ridgeland's Hall News**

2009/2010 Office Bearers:  
President Rob Chippendale  
Vice President: Ken Stewart  
Secretary: Dave Macaulay  
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**Don't Rubbish Ridgeland's Rd** - cover your load – don't throw you takeaway food containers and drink bottles out the window.

**Dressmaker**

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0438 341125

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**RECIPE CORNER****Pluto Pups**

¼ cup plain flour  
¼ cup self-raising flour  
1 tablespoon caster sugar  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
20g butter, melted  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
¾ cup buttermilk  
12 cocktail frankfurts  
12 wooden skewers  
Oil for deep frying  
Tomato sauce for dipping

Method: Sift dry ingredients into a bowl. Add seasoning. Whisk together buttermilk, egg and butter. Combine with dry ingredients until smooth. Heat oil in deep saucepan. Dip 2 or 3 frankfurts in batter, draining off excess. Deep fry until golden. Drain on paper towel. Thread each Pluto Pup onto a skewer. Continue with remaining frankfurts. Serve with tomato sauce.

A wife in Alton Downs, with a new baby, was pleased when hubby offered to do the shopping to help her out. She gave him the shopping list, which included a Scotch (cellotape) refill and was amazed to unpack, on his return, a large bottle of Scotch whisky. I wonder what he intended to refill, certainly not the craft box!

**JOKE:**

Q: How did the farmer fix his jeans?  
A: With a cabbage patch!

**Gardening---- Weeds:** One thing that has no trouble growing in the tropics is weeds. Leonie lets them grow a bit because they can be beneficial for the soil. "They protect the soil from the elements and keep it alive and functioning and when you want to get rid of them, you can use a few easy, natural methods."

Solarising uses the power of the sun. Spread a large piece of clear plastic/tarp onto the area and weigh down the edges to keep out as much air as possible. Although the sunlight and condensation still allows the weeds to grow, the heat and the fact that they have nowhere to grow means they rot and die quite quickly.

This method is especially good for tall weeds or those that are too hard to pull out. A month with the tarp over them and they become lifeless stalks. It's best to put the tarp down for two or three weeks then take it off to let another lot of weeds germinate and put it back on again for a week or so. This will really get the weeds under control before you plant your veggie garden.

Gardening Aust April 2009

Congratulations to the Alton Downs and Calliope Polocrosse teams for the *1<sup>st</sup> Polocrosse beach game* at Yeppoon Pine Fest. It was well received by onlookers.

We either get better or we get worse;  
it is not possible to stay the same.

## 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

### Date Claimer

Licensed Christmas Karaoke in aid of Ridgeland Hall Funds. **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.**

6.30pm at the Ridgeland Hall.

Spit pig, roast beef and vegetables.

**Adults \$12.00, with lucky meal ticket.**

Primary school children \$5.00

Sweets \$3.00

Christmas lollies for the children

RAFFLE

**GOLD COIN ENTRY ALL WELCOME**

### The Ridgeland Sporting & Agricultural Association

would like to invite all members, sponsors and helpers to their Christmas Party to be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm at the Ridgeland Show Grounds.

Look forward to seeing everyone

Rob Bishop, President.

## NOTICES

### For Hire.

Chairs for hire for functions. Contact the Ridgeland 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.

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

### November Birthdays

Robyn O'Neill 17<sup>th</sup>  
Dave Fry 6<sup>th</sup>

### Engagements

Tamara Bull to  
Greg Peterson

### Mobile Cold Room Hire

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Glass door  
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49341802

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## MEETINGS

### QCWA

Ridgeland 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> Nov, 2009  
7.30pm

### The Faraday Rural Fire Brigade AGM and Ratepayers Meeting

will be held at Ridgeland Community Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. New volunteer members are always welcome

### Engine Centre Rockhampton

Danny McNamara  
Ph: 4934 1473  
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