

# Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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The *Around the Ridges Newsletter Committee* would like our wish all our readers, neighbours and families a Happy New Year. We hope you had a good Christmas break. Wasn't it wonderful to have rain for Christmas - who says you can't play in the rain; we are all big kids at heart. We look forward to introducing some new ideas this year and making our little community newsletter something that people look for in their mail box. SO if anyone would like to add something different, or has ideas, we would be only too pleased to receive them.

**Our AGM is on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm at the School.** All interested persons are welcome.

Diane Bull

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### **Ridgeland's Hall News:**

The President and members of the Ridgeland's Hall Committee would like to thank the non-committee members for their help at our Annual Christmas Karaoke. We are a small committee and your help was greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone for their support in making the night a success and for the participants in the Karaoke for providing the entertainment.

Rob Chippendale

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### **Milk Chocolate Crackles**

2 cups rice bubbles,  
2/3 cup desiccated coconut  
200g milk chocolate chopped.

Method:

Line mini muffin tins with small paper cases. Combine rice bubbles and coconut in a large bowl. Place chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water. Stir until the chocolate melts. Remove from heat and add melted chocolate the rice bubble mixture and stir gently until evenly combined. Spoon mixture into paper cases then refrigerate until set.

Happy New Year from the Cooks Corner.

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**Proverbs 16:2**

You may think everything you do is right but the Lord judges your motives.

**In Sympathy:**

To Kay Milner on the passing of her father Max Russell on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan aged 89 years.

**Taking pride in our Community**

Previously in our newsletter we mentioned the rubbish all along the side of Ridgelands Rd. Well unfortunately the situation does not seem to have improved. I drive this road daily and cannot help but feel disappointed that some of our community members do not take enough pride in the area in which they live, to stop and pick up the rubbish that falls from their vehicles, so please do not leave it to someone else to pick up your rubbish on Australia's biggest cleanup day, take 5 minutes out of your busy lives and pick it up Now. How would you feel if someone dumped rubbish outside your home? Ridgelands Rd provides the main access to only our community and the disgusting rubbish on the side of the road reflects on you!

Dianne and Jill

**Children's view on Angel from the Wandal Anglican Parish Bulletin:**

'It's not easy to become an angel. First you die. Then you go to heaven, then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes.'

Matthew aged 9

'I only know the names of two angels: Hark and Harold' Gregory 5yrs

**Jokes:**

A bus station is where a bus stops, a train station is where a train stops, on my desk is a work station – go figure!

You are unique- just like everyone else !

**Date Claimers for 2010:****From Alton Downs Hall Association:****Dances:**

March 20<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, July 31<sup>st</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup> all commencing at 7.30pm Music by Man in Black; with raffles novelty prizes and supper will be served.

June 19<sup>th</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup> all commencing at 7.30pm Music by Two Can; with raffles novelty prizes and supper will be served.

**Cent Sale:**

April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hall at 1.30pm with good prizes and afternoon tea.  
For more information phone Joyce Chippendale 49345120 or Tom Hoare 49341493.

*The Newsletter Committee regrets that we have been unable to access the school computer, (we tried hard) to provide you with our school news and any information emailed to us this month.*

**Thought for the fortnight**

We cannot tell what may happen to us in the strange medley of life.

But we can decide what happens in us – how we can take it, what we do with it – and that is what really counts in the end

Joseph Fort Newton

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We have been unable to access our emails since October. Our **Apologies** for any inconvenience. We hope that when school returns this will be fixed.

**What's on:**  
Australia Day activities at the Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Ground from 3.30 pm all welcome for family fun and games.  
**Questions: Carol Reid 4934 1124**

**18<sup>th</sup> Birthdays**  
Anna Reeve 13<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Stephanie Ruddick 17<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Jacqueline Fossett 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

**Birthdays**

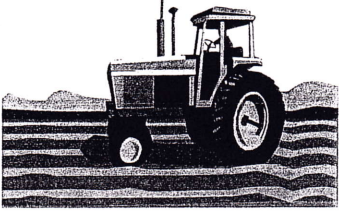
Krystal Thompson	14 <sup>th</sup>
Dorothy Thompson	16 <sup>th</sup>
Anne Herring	15 <sup>th</sup>
Hayden Thompson	17 <sup>th</sup>
Charlie Frankish	16 <sup>th</sup>
Lyn and Strop Rosenberg	
Roger Croser	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Jenny Prince	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb

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**Meetings:**  
**AGM Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club Inc** to be held 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 4pm. Nominations to the Secretary in writing 2 weeks prior please. Carol Reid 4934 1124.  
**AGM Ridgelsands School P&C Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** at 3.15 pm at the School.  
**Ridgeland Show Society on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30 pm at the Showgrounds- new members welcome.  
**AGM Newsletter Committee Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** at 1.30 pm at the school.

**The MORNISH CRICKET GROUP**  
**AUSTRALIA DAY CRICKET ON 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

**Ridgelsands Show Grounds 9am Start teams to be nominated by 10am**

**The Challenge is ON!**

**\$5 adults \$10 Family BYO alcohol and Canteen operating NO GLASS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS**

The following Bush Ballad was written by Sasha Hancock, granddaughter of Ken and Margaret Stewart. Her mother, Linda, completed her primary school education at Ridgelsands. Sasha is a year eight student at Ingham High School.

## I Hope it Rains

I'm just a country bloke,  
My land needs a soak.  
The station is barren.  
The drought is here,  
And the sky is clear.  
By crikey I hope it rains.

The cattle are all dying,  
The crows are flat out flying.  
There's no water in the dams.  
My throat goes dry,  
As tears well up in my eyes.  
By crikey I hope it rains.

The ground is cracked and dry,  
I just sit down and cry.  
Nothing can grow.  
Everything is so bad,  
I can't help but be sad.  
By crikey I hope it rains.

I can't help but think,  
How much the cows want a drink,  
The animals are disappearing.  
But when the black cockatoos fly yonder,  
I can't help but wonder.  
By crikey I hope it rains.

There's nothing on the land,  
No money in my hand.  
Everything is dead.  
I feel no hope,  
I just can't cope.  
By crikey I hope it rains.

When I walk outside and see the same,  
I think to myself "What a real damn shame"  
Everyday things get worse.  
There are scones in the pan,  
But there are ants in the jam!  
By crikey I hope it rains.

The dingoes are howlin'  
For their bellies are growlin',  
Everything is hungry.  
Koalas are dropping,  
For the gum trees are all flopping.  
By crikey I hope it rains.

I can hear the frogs croaking,  
Let's hope they're not joking.  
I see the black clouds come rollin'.

The air smells moist,  
Better take the clothes off the old Hills Hoist.  
By crikey I hope it rains.

The sky is grey,  
I hope today's the day.  
That God opens up.  
And thunder starts rumbling,  
And rain starts tumbling.  
By crikey I hope it rains.

I'm excited,  
My hope is ignited,  
I hear my saviour coming.  
I smell the rain,  
That will heal my pain.  
By crikey I hope it rains.

Now the rain is pouring,  
While the dog is still snoring,  
Everything is coming to life.  
I start dancing,  
The brumbies are prancing  
By crikey it's finally raining.

The kangaroos are hopping mad,  
For the green grass they will be glad.  
Things are so joyful.  
The kookaburras are laughing,  
For they are finally bathing.  
By crikey it's finally raining.

The dams start filling,  
The tanks are now spilling,  
The lakes start erupting.  
The cows have a drink,  
They're happy I think.  
By crikey it's finally raining.

I smile and sip on a beer,  
My future is now clear,  
Everything will be alright.  
The grass is now green,  
The cows no longer lean.  
By crikey it's finally raining.

Things are so lush,  
The rivers start to gush.  
The land is rejuvenating,  
The pain has eased.  
I feel so happy and so pleased.  
By crikey it's finally raining.