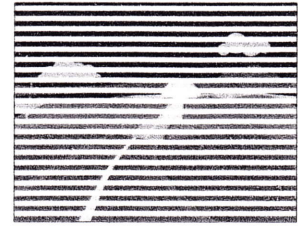


# Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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## Country Cricket

Social Country Cricket was alive and well at the Ridgeland Showgrounds on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January for their annual Australia Day celebrations thanks to the dedication and organisations by Craig & Belinda Ellrott, Greg and Leonie Thompson, Shane Bean and boys, Mark and Helen Warnock and Trevor and Emma Frankish. Gravel was bought in, machinery arrived and before long we had three cricket pitches (one for the kids) country style. This annual event started back in the early nineties on "Moonlight" as a social get together for the local community and thankfully the tradition is still being carried on today. As a spectator, it was great to see all age groups- fathers, sons and daughters, all having so much fun with their friendly bantering and playing of tricks on each other. I wonder if one particular player has found the wet nappy under his car seat yet? The unique style of bowling that was shown on the day could not be matched anywhere else in Australia and to be able to bat and run whilst talking on a mobile phone just shows that technology has not left Ridgeland behind. Nobody was forgotten and the kids also had a great day playing cricket on their own pit, along with mini golf which was kindly provided by Maurie McQuillan.

At the end of what I would call a very successful day, both for the Rural Fire Brigades and for all who participated, we all agreed that everyone had a great time. Prizes and certificates were presented to the Drop Bear team who were the overall winners with the Alton Downs team coming in as runners up and the best dressed team. Best cricketer for the day went to Joel Dawson from Drop Bears with Lachlan Dodds being in close contention from the Alton Downs team. Best catch of the day went to Bruce Winn from Dalma with their more mature player scorching up the field to much delight of his team and the spectators. Kel Booth deservedly won the encouragement ward. Three Rural Fire brigades was presented with approximately \$750.00 each, thanks to money raised from the multi draw raffle, 2 hundreds boards and fines to the players for varying discrepancies such as drinking with the wrong hand whilst on the field. Also *a big thank you* must go to the Ridgeland Hall committee for feeding all the ravenous players. See everyone again next year.



Adam Bull & Peter Callum batting for Alton Downs with Mark Stanke bowling for Dalma.

## 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.  
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## NOTICES

### For Hire.

Chairs for hire for functions. Contact the Ridgelsands 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

### March Birthdays

Jenny Reeve 15<sup>th</sup>  
Jill Fry 19<sup>th</sup>  
Miriam Croser 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Katie Bull 26<sup>th</sup>  
Jenny Dendle 11<sup>th</sup>  
Alex Reid 8<sup>th</sup>

### These sentences appeared in church bulletins:

- \*The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to conflict.
- \* Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.
- \*The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.
- \*Next Thursday will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Ridgelsands Show  
5<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

### 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.

## MEETINGS

### QCWA

Ridgelsands 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

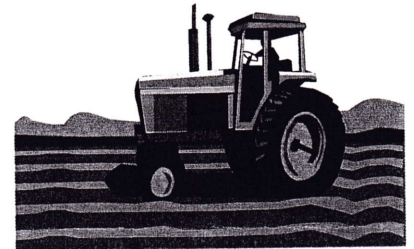
Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March ,  
7.30pm

## Engine Centre Rockhampton

Danny McNamara  
Ph: 4934 1473  
**Mob: 0438 341 473**

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### Pony Club News

Alton Downs Pony Club held their annual Equitation and Show Jump for 2010 on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The weather turned out to be perfect. We had a great turn up of riders from 10 years old to adults who came from all over the district and beyond. They were well presented. Our Judges and Course Builders did a wonderful job. Some competitors and their families camped at the Polocrosse grounds and enjoyed the social side of Pony Club as well. We would like to thank everyone that helped out over the week end, it is always appreciated.

### From the Principal

Welcome to a new school year for 2010. To those returning students and families welcome back and to those who are new to the school I would like to welcome you to the Ridgelands school community.

Those in the community may notice an increase in traffic around the school in the coming months as the schools new Resource Centre begins construction. Please be aware that there will be an influx of large trucks and contractors attending the school during this period, so please take care whilst in the vicinity of the school.

Congratulations to the Ridgelands State School captains for 2010. Henry Balmain and Shardai Thompson have been elected school captains whilst Daniel Stanke and Laura McQuillan have been elected vice-captains. We look forward to them leading the school, to the best of their abilities this year.

Brad Carlson

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Square dancing

Staying at home on a Friday night again? Why not get active, learn new dance skills, and have fun rather than watching television at the end of the week.

A Basics 'Learn to Square Dance' is conducted each Friday night starting at 7.30pm at the Square Dance Hall, Fitzroy Street, opposite the Ambulance Station. The first lesson is free as a taster, then \$4pp per dance night.

The caller has years of experience, and makes dancing fun for all ages. Even if you think you have two left feet you will be surprised at how easy it to learn new dance moves.

For more information, contact Rachele or Michael Mills on telephone 49286626 or [shellmick07@optusnet.com.au](mailto:shellmick07@optusnet.com.au)

LOST:Missing since Christmas on Evans Road 1 Jersey cow not branded 1 Droughtmaster cow U brand (red ear tag Schirmer's Pastoral). Both heavy in calf and have NILS tags. If seen or found please ring 49277993 or 0402 386928.

### Easter Bread and Butter Pudding

4 hot cross buns, sliced into three.

2 tablespoons margarine

1/3 cup apricot jam or own choice

2 ½ cups milk

3 eggs

¼ cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

icing sugar for dusting

#### Method:-

Preheat oven to moderate, 180°C.

Lightly grease a 3 litre ovenproof dish.

Spread each slice of bun with margarine then jam.

Arrange sliced bun in prepared dish, slightly overlapping.

In a bowl, whisk together milk, eggs, sugar and vanilla extract.

Pour over buns. Stand for 30-35 minutes, until mixture is absorbed.

Bake for 30-35 minutes, until custard is just set.

Cool for 5 minutes before serving, dusted with icing sugar.

**Mechanical Repairs**

Robo's Motorworks  
Wandal  
ph 4921 0200

**Nurseries**

Fitzroy Nurseries  
Pink Lily  
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Nth R'ton  
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ph 4927 2101

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0418 155 819

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& RWC etc**

Cliff Munro  
Ph 49224882

What would you call two bananas?  
A pair of slippers



Peter Hunt fielding for Alton Downs



Strop waiting for someone to hit a ball to him.

What did the spider do inside the library computer?  
It made a web page.

### Tips on Weed Control

Prevention is the most effective method of weed control. If you see a new plant you do not recognise, get it identified immediately. Pulling out weeds in low numbers can prevent a weed from establishing. Be sure the weed is properly identified before it is removed.

Some tips to keep your backyard, farm, local bushland and waterways weed free:  
Get to know the local weeds in your area.

- Be aware that weed seeds are transported on vehicles, trailers, clothing, shoes, in soil and in pet fur and hair.
- Always stick to designated tracks when walking, horse-riding, driving, riding pushbikes or motorbikes through natural areas.
- Dispose of weeds that are already seeding or readily able to reproduce vegetatively by placing them in a black plastic bag, sealing it and "baking it" in the sun for a couple of weeks prior to placing in the bin.
- Compost or dispose of other garden and green waste in council green waste collections or by carefully transporting it to your council's green waste tip. NEVER dump garden waste over the back fence or in the bushland.
- Always cover trailers when transporting plant material to prevent seeds and other live plant material falling off.
- Consider carefully what plants you buy for ponds and aquariums.
- Never dump aquarium water or contents down drains or into waterways.