



Around the ridges and a bit beyond

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Vale: Dave Chippendale 1922- 2010

Dave's forebears arrived in 1863. David Chippendale was born in Rockhampton on 7 February 1922 to James and Rodina Chippendale. They were soldier settlers clearing the virgin scrub to farm on Calmorin Rd, Garnant. Rodina's mum was a Jones from Belmont. He was the eldest of 8 children: Dave, Jim, Netta, Tom, Eunice, Bill, Jessie and Dick.

He grew up in Calmorin and attended Calmorin State School for most of his school life. He did not go to high school. Like many in that period he went to work.

Dave built the house on the farm on Chippendale Rd, Garnant before he married a local girl June Johnson on 27 January 1949. It is possible that they were married at St Lukes church in Rockhampton. June's Dad was from Northern Ireland and her mum was an Olive.

Dave dairied, (in 1958 there were 21 dairies in Garnant) and did dozer work and fencing around the district. He worked hard on the farm all his life. Later in his life he drove the school bus to Ridgeland for a number of years. He was a good mechanic and kept all his machinery working. He was a member of the Alton Downs Hall Committee and Garnant Rural Fire Brigade.

From his early years on the farm he loved his country music often playing his steel guitar with his foot tapping along. Although a shy person Dave and June attended all the local dances which was another great love of theirs. Dave and June raised 6 children Hugh, Rob, Del, Paul, Warren and Faith. In time he became the grandfather to 20 children and then the great grandfather to 12 children. Sadly June passed away on 4 February 2001.

He married Ruth Wenck (from Wowan Biloela Moura and Koongal areas) on 29 July 2002 at Ridgeland Hall and he and Ruth continued to live at Garnant until she became ill and they then moved to Talbot Estate in Wandal. He still enjoyed old time dances and country music. He remained at Talbot Estate after Ruth passed away.

From Wandal he continued to travel out to Garnant where he continued his love of chipping pumpkins, growing watermelons and cucumbers. He boiled his cucumbers to 'take the burp' out and said they were 'beautiful'. He tried to drive out to the farm on the Monday but because of the heavy rain he could not pass the flooded Ridgeland Creek. He returned to Talbot Estate and passed away at home on Monday 22 March 2010. He was 88 years old.

With thanks to the Chippendale family for this information.

Happy Mothers' Day

A mother holds her children's hands for a while... and their hearts forever.

Anonymous

Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time that we have rushed through life trying to save.

Earth Moving

Tipper Excavator
Bobcat - Kelly Bush
Ph 0407 162 156

Earth Moving

Truck Bobcat ++
Greg Thompson
Ph 4934 5587

Earth Moving

Truck + Bobcat Hire
Geoff Estreich
Ph 4934 5958

Equestrian

Showdown Rugs
Sheree Abotomey
Ph 1300900964

Farm & Livestock

Rocky Feed & Seed
Gladstone Rd
Ph 49227307

Gifts

Australian Country
Living
Ph 49280088

Hay & Fodder

Delrosa
Ph 49341135 or mob
0418 155 819

**Mechanical Repairs
& RWC etc**

Cliff Munro
Ph 49224882

Mechanical Repairs

Robo's Motorworks
Wandal
ph 4921 0200

Nurseries

Fitzroy Nurseries
Pink Lily
ph 49272388

Mechanical Repairs

Robo's Motorworks
Wandal
ph 4921 0200

Office Supplies

Sisley's- Denham St
Rockhampton
ph 4927 6177

Social Plan Community Engagement Workshop at Alton Downs Hall 9th March

Organised by Rockhampton Regional Council the workshop aim was to develop some possible options to address various issues and aspirations identified in previous community meetings. These were Local Pride and Identity, Vibrant Groups & Meeting Hubs, Diverse and Inclusive Community, Safe and Healthy Living, Accessible Services and Facilities and Engaged Community. Approximately 12 local people turned up along with Cherie Rutherford, Tom Upton and Judy and Rhonda from RRC. The Social Plan will guide the delivery of community development strategies, services and program over the next 5 years. We were divided into 2 groups to discuss a number of issues as we locals saw them affecting our community. Some issues which arose were a possible need for a mobile library service and a community nurse visit. Another mention was made that RRC maintains community facilities such as ovals in town and perhaps they could also contribute to maintenance of facilities e.g. pesticide, loan of equipment for the volunteers to use. There were criticisms of "Under the Capricorn Sun" as not focusing on local matters but State and Federal grants. Suggestions were made on how to improve this publication and its distribution. Council was told that the community did not know what services were made available by RRC so we did not know what we may be missing out on. According to council figures between 2001 and 2006 the number of people under 17yrs old had decreased and the over 65yrs had increased in our district. They will need to plan for the community in the future rather than band-aid solutions in times of crisis. RRC will provide information about the services it provides. More people should attend these meetings to ensure council learns what we want for our area. The next meeting is expected to be June 10. (Jill Fry)

Gardening Tips

Water Miser Tips: When planting larger shrubs or trees dig a deep hole 4-5 times the size of the pot. Before you plant and backfill wrap a length of agricultural pip around the bottom of the hole with one end of it rising above the soil surface. To water simply pour water into the exposed end of the pipe. This allows for efficient deep watering with no run-off and evaporation and with slower release into the ground. (Christine Birks, Oakville NSW).

Principal's Report

I trust you all had a relaxing Easter and found some time for family, friends and chocolate. We have a busy term ahead with many events scheduled for the coming weeks.

This term we have sports days, commemoration ceremonies and public holidays filling the calendar. Please watch out for the school newsletter for important events within the school. Alternatively members of the community can keep up to date on the schools happenings by accessing the school website at www.ridgelanss.eq.edu.au.

Congratulations to the teaching staff at Ridgelands School as they have all now achieved their ICT certificate accreditation. To achieve this; teachers need to have demonstrated a high level of competence in using and teaching with technology. Also on the technology front, the school has recently been awarded two successful grants totalling to \$ 8 000. These will be used to upgrade the technology resources at the school.

Brad Carlson

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SATURDAY 8TH MAY 2010

5:00PM 'TILL LATE

RIDGELANDS SHOW GROUNDS

A donation of a salad or dessert to be shared would be greatly appreciated.

BURGERS WILL BE ON SALE

B.Y.O. DRINKS

A donation box will be available if you wish to make a contribution

With the loss of the historical 'Craigilee Homestead', the family home of Jeff, Linda & Royce Edgar. We welcome you to join us to show our support to the family.

'Craigilee Homestead' Remembrance B.B.Q.

RIDGELANDS HALL NEWS

The President and members of the Ridgeland Hall Committee would like to thank the Ridgeland Rodeo Committee for the opportunity to cater at the Campdraft held during Easter. This is a major boost to the financial viability of the Hall.

Thanks to the non-committee members who helped out over the week-end.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated and is invaluable to the skeleton staff that we have.

Thanks also to the public for their support. Without this our venture would not have been so successful.

SALMON PATTIES

1 spring onion, finely sliced
1 medium potato, mashed
1 can pink salmon, drained
1 egg, lightly beaten
½ teaspoon chopped dill
pepper to taste
breadcrumbs for coating
oil for frying

Method: Place mashed potato in a bowl. Add spring onion, salmon, dill, pepper and beaten egg. Mix well. Shape into patties and roll in breadcrumbs. Shallow fry in hot oil on both sides until golden brown. Makes 8 patties using 210g can of salmon. Add some flour or fresh breadcrumbs if mixture is too soft.

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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J Chippendale 4934 5120

NOTICES

For Hire.

Chairs for hire for functions. Contact the Ridgелands State School P&C.
Phone: 49345518.

Camp Quality Monthly Markets & Car Boot Sale

At Conaghan Park Gracemere
First Saturday of each month.
8.00am to 12 noon
Vacancies exist for new stall holders.
Phone 0447 361 693

Engine Centre Rockhampton

Danny McNamara
Ph: 4934 1473
Mob: 0438 341 473

22 Sheehan Rd
Alton Downs

Servicing all Cars, 4wd, Trucks and Tractors



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

May Birthdays

Margaret Stewart
Vic Edmestone
Sharon McQuillan
Maurice McQuillan

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

QCWA Ridgелands branch are hosting Mothers day afternoon tea at Ridgелands Hall **Sunday 2nd May** at 1.30pm. Admission : Adults \$10, 5-14 year olds \$5. Lucky Door prize, Raffle and multidraw and lots of entertainment. Contact Hillary Chippendale 49345125 or Joyce Chippendale 49345120

Inner Wheel Club of Rockhampton Supper Dance

Alton Downs Hall
8th May, 6.30 pm
BYO drinks; Raffles, etc
\$10 adults \$5 children
Contact Cheryl 49285722
Rilla 49341170
Proceeds to the Tabitha Foundation

QCWA Ridgелands branch are hosting an **International Day** with the Theme Republic of Ireland at Ridgелands Hall **Monday 21st June** at 9.30 am Admission \$10 per person includes light refreshment on arrival presented on a 'Republic of Ireland Plate'. Ireland Theme for lunch. Raffle, multidraw on the day. **BOOKINGS:** Anne Jepson 49341421

MEETINGS

QCWA

Ridgелands 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: 4934 5145

Show Meeting

Wednesday,
12th May, 7.30pm

Date Claimer

Ridgелands Show
5th June, 2010
Ridgелands Hall
Christmas Karaoke
20.11.10

Northern Area Ratepayers Association

Next meeting May 3rd
Ridgелands Hall
7:30 pm
Dan Toon RRC guest speaker.

Do you want to be perfect or human?