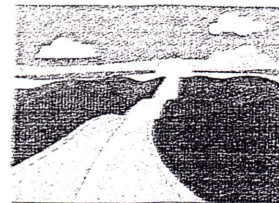


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## DID YOU KNOW

Local Identities Judy and Denis Lindley have purchased "Flowers Rock" at 191 Elphinstone Street, North Rockhampton – Phone 4928 2088. Judy has been involved in the florist industry for some 22 years and looks forward to being able to brighten someone's day with flowers, fragrances, chocolates, baby gifts, fruit or a balloon arrangement, as well as adding to the beautiful memories of newlyweds on their wedding day .

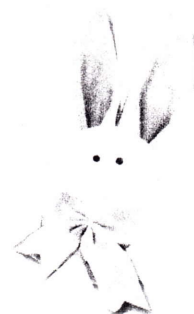
There are so many occasions where flowers can say Congratulations on your New Arrivals, Graduations, Thank you, Thinking of you in your time of sorrow, Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary and so on and Judy will have Bouquet, Flower arrangements, Fruit and Flower baskets, Soft toys and Balloons for all occasions.

Next time you are looking to make someone feel special, call Judy and she will be only too pleased to help you.

The Around the Ridges Newsletter team would like to congratulate Judy and Denis on the purchase of "Flowers Rock" and wish them every success in their new business venture and look forward to supporting you.



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**Social Plan Community Engagement Workshop at Alton Downs Hall 9<sup>th</sup> 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 bandaaid 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**

To help keep chewing pests off your plants dissolve 5 -6 drops of Tabasco sauce in 1 litre of water - shake and spray onto plants where pests are active.

Fungal fighter for roses and tomatoes Make a 50/50 mix of water and skim milk and spray onto plant.

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**Easter Jokes:** *Q: What would you get if you crossed the Easter Bunny with a famous French general?*

*A: Napoleon Bunnyparte!*

*Q: Why do we paint Easter eggs?*

*A: Because it's easier than trying to wallpaper them!*

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*"Do you turn on your computer with your left hand or your right hand?"*

*" My right hand."*

*" Amazing! Most people have to use the on/off switch."*



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## Principals News

Ridgeland has recently had four fantastic news events around computer technology at the school. Firstly we have received a "AAA" rating for our computer implementation at the school. This is the highest possible rating and demonstrates that the staff at Ridgeland are some of the highest qualified to deliver Information Communication Technologies (ICT). Secondly we have been accepted as one of only one hundred state schools in Queensland to join the "Clever Networks" schools group for 2010. This provides learning opportunities to the students that they would not receive otherwise. In conjunction with the Clever Networks schools group, we have also been awarded a \$5 000 grant to purchase robotics resources for the school. Finally the school has also been identified as a leader in small schools ICT education and has been made a "Small Schools in Technology" partnership school. Not a bad achievement for a small rural school with 66 students.

### Brad Carlson

#### MORINISH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE MEETING

Morinish Rural Fire Brigade wish to advise that a combined AGM/Public meeting to discuss the rural fire levy is to be held at 151 Hunter Gully Road – Morinish at 9.00 a.m. - Saturday 10th April 2010. Please bring your own chair. For further enquiries, phone Fran Cranston on 4934 5545.

#### RECIPE CORNER

##### WOMBOK SALAD

½ Chinese cabbage, shredded  
4 eschalots, chopped  
100g slivered almonds, lightly roasted  
1x100g pkt. Fried Rice noodles

##### Dressing:

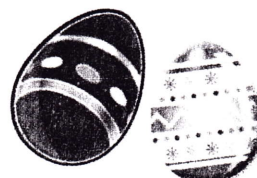
¼ cup white vinegar  
¼ cup caster sugar  
1 tablespoon soy sauce  
2 teaspoons sesame oil  
½ cup light olive oil

Method: Combine all dressing ingredients in a saucepan. Stir well over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Cool. Toss cabbage, eschalots and almonds in a salad bowl. Add dressing and mix well. Just before serving add the Fried Rice Noodles and toss thoroughly. Shredded barbecue chicken or barbecue pork may be added to this salad as an extra.

#### EASTER MESSAGE

To all our readers, the committee at Around the Ridges and a Bit Beyond would like to wish everyone a Happy, Holy and safe Easter. If you are travelling on the roads to see family or to go on a short holiday, please take care, as you are all a vital and important part of your family and community.

PS: Don't eat too much chocolate.



## Message from Cherie Rutherford – Councillor

Hello Everyone.

Council now and into the future will be running a variety of Community Engagement sessions to ensure we are accessible and fully aware of the issues affecting the many communities throughout our region.

A community catch-up will be held at the Alton Downs Hall on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March commencing at 6.00pm. The evening will commence with a sausage sizzle and the Mayor, Councillors and Council Officers will be available to meet you and answer questions. We would love to see you all there.

Recently, Council held a social planning session at the Alton Downs Hall which was a thoroughly enjoyable and productive evening. Thank you to the community members who participated. Your input is very much appreciated and valued. If you missed this one don't fret there will be more in the future and everyone is most welcome.

One issue that was raised at the social planning session was the community's desire to have a better knowledge and understanding of Council's services and facilities. So in future editions of Round the Ridges I will endeavour to highlight some of these services for you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the The Fitzroy Northern Ratepayers meetings are held quarterly and alternate between the Alton Downs and Ridgeland halls. The dates for this year's meetings are May 3<sup>rd</sup> Ridgeland, August 2<sup>nd</sup> Alton Downs and November 1<sup>st</sup> Ridgeland. It would be great to see some new faces.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Community Catch-up.

Cherie Rutherford

Ph: 0439 753056 or 49363090

Cherie.rutherford@rrc.qld.gov.au



### Ridgeland Show News

Our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Show will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June with all the usual attractions. New events include goat races, and a ride – on mower demonstration.

A live band will play on Saturday night.

The Show recently received a grant of \$5792 from the Department of Infrastructure and Planning.

The grant is most welcome and will be spent on improvements to the show grounds such as air conditioning in the kitchen and new fish stands, etc.

Rob Bishop, President

### Letter to the Editor

Following on from the helpful tips on weed control in last month's edition, Alton Downs never looked so green. Unfortunately, all that's green is not grass. Now while the weeds are active is a great time to eradicate them. Taking one step at a time is simplest, so start on Juju.

They are easy to control, a declared noxious weed and spread too easily. Just imagine how much better your place as a whole would look without any prickly Juju. Ian Dare of Rockhampton Regional Council (Phone 49399877) is keen and helpful to advise on what method and chemical to use. Most holdings only have a small number of Juju so it doesn't take long to go around them. Just remember it's your neighbour's weeds that are this cause of this pest, so don't be that particular neighbour. Chemicals are expensive so share with your neighbours, friends, etc. if by chance you see Lantana or Rubber vine give them a dose too.

Peter Lawton.

**Real Estate**

Ray White Rural  
Geoff McNamara  
ph 4933 3309

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Concrete grids etc  
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**Veterinary**

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Drinking & Stock  
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**Water Services**

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& Irrigation  
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Control  
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ph 4927 2101

**Real Estate**

Ray White Rural  
Suzy McNamara  
ph 4933 3309

**Where are they now?**

The Ridgeland's class of 2004 students completed their secondary education last year and we would like to wish them all the best for the next stage of their lives.

We have listed below some of these students and where they are now:

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| Karlee Munro -       | has taken up a position in retail  |
| Kim Shepherd -       | is completing a certificate 4 in Horticulture at Fitzroy Nurseries before going on to study for a degree in landscape Architecture |
| Jacqueline Fossett - | is working as a PA to Executive officer at the CQNRL before studying engineering   |
| Blaine Curtis -      | Apprentice boilermaker   |
| Lachlan Dodds -      | Apprentice butcher   |
| Jack Ward -          | Engineering at CQU   |
| Louise Titmarsh -    | Air Conditioning apprentice  |

We apologise if we have missed anyone, but unfortunately we have not been able to contact everyone. We are looking to have Where are they now as a regular feature and should you like to know where your class is, please contact us.

**ANZAC DAY 2010**

The ANZAC Day Dawn service will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April at the Alton Downs Hall at 4.28a.m followed by a community breakfast.

**A Tribute to ANZAC Day**

With their hair a little whiter, their step not quite so sure  
Still they march on proudly as they did the year before.  
Theirs were the hands that saved us, their courage showed the way  
Their lives they laid down for us, that we may live today.

From Gallipoli's rugged hillsides, to the sands of Alamein  
On rolling seas and in the skies, those memories will remain.  
Of airmen and the sailors, of Lone Pine and Suvla Bay  
The boys of the Dardenelles are remembered on this day.

They fought their way through jungles, their blood soaked desert sands  
They still remember comrades who rest in foreign lands.  
They remember the siege of old Tobruk, the mud of the Kokoda Trail  
Some paying the supreme sacrifice with courage that did not fail.  
To the icy land of Korea, the steamy jungles of Vietnam  
And the heroic battle of Kapyong and that epic victory at Long Tan.

Fathers, sons and brothers, together they fought and died  
That we may live in peace together, while at home their mothers cried.  
When that final bugle calls them to cross that great divide  
Those comrades will be waiting when they reach the other side.

Ken Bunker



## 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

## NOTICES

### For Hire.

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

### Alton Downs Hall Cent Sale

17<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

### 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

## RIDGELANDS CAMPDRAFT

Ridgeland Campdraft will be held at the Ridgeland Show Grounds from 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> April.  
Bar & Entertainment – Saturday night.

**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

**April Birthdays**  
Faith Jones 1<sup>st</sup>  
Eden Chippendale 16th

**Wedding Congratulations**  
Tamara Bull and Greg Petersen  
3<sup>rd</sup> April

### Plumber:

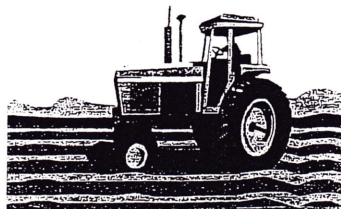
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## MEETINGS

### 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: 4934 5145

### Show Meeting

Wednesday,  
14<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm

### Date Claimer

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

### Morinish Landcare News

Next meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Venue and topic will be heard on the ABC Rural Report prior to the meeting.

Contact Jeff Mills  
49373555

The new executives for 2010 are:

Chair Jeff Mills  
Secretary Carol Ellrott  
Treasurer Katriona Pearce

### Community Catch-Up

Alton Downs Hall  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
6.00pm to 8.30pm  
For more details phone  
1300 225577

Phone Jeff :0417 722 235

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