



Around the ridges and a bit beyond

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IT'S SHOWTIME

The Ridglands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc will once again be holding their annual show on the 5th June and this year it is going to be bigger and better, with added attractions and entertainment.

The Ridglands Show is a well anticipated community event, with family fun for everyone including cattle and horse events of all kinds. Last year we saw a demonstration of goat racing which proved to be very entertaining for the crowd, so this year we have made it an official racing event.

Every year we try to introduce something new and this year you will see a demonstration of lawnmower racing as a first and if you have not seen this before, come along and see what you can do with that ride on mower you have in your shed.

We look forward to receiving as many entries, if not more than last year, in our well patronised cooking, handicraft, agricultural, horticultural, photographic, poultry and fish sections and are very proud of our community for becoming so involved.

We will also have more show rides for the children, a fashion parade for everyone, square dancers, frog races, the Ridglands School Choir and live entertainment into the night..

If you are looking for a great family day out, please come along and enjoy our country hospitality.

The Ridglands & District Sporting & Agricultural have supported this months newsletter. Should you wish to obtain a programme or entry form, please contact Julann Chippendale, Diane Bull or Leonie Thompson on email ridgeshow@aussiebroadband.com.au.

Licensed BBQ Friday night 4th June commencing 6.00 p.m. and Live entertainment Saturday night 5th June.

Nominations for Pavilion sections would be greatly appreciated by Friday night.

Nominations and entry fees for Stud Beef Cattle, Fat Cattle close Monday 31st May 2010.

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Earth Moving Tipper Excavator Bobcat - Kelly Bush Ph 0407 162 156
Earth Moving Truck Bobcat ++ Greg Thompson Ph 4934 5587
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Equestrian Showdown Rugs Sheree Abotomey Ph 1300900964

Ridgелands Road Upgrade: Laurel Banks Road – Woodford Road

The Department of Transport and Main Roads commenced works to upgrade Ridgелands Road, between Laurel Banks Road and Woodford Road, in April 2010.

The \$1.2 million upgrade will widen a 3km section of Ridgелands Road to a standard nine metre seal in addition to upgrading the Laurel Banks Road intersection, private property access safety improvements and tree clearing to improve visibility.

In early April, Transport and Main Roads' Environmental Officers conducted a site investigation to identify the vegetation and species located within the road corridor on Ridgелands Road. From this investigation, the vegetation which required clearing was separated into three categories; hollow trees (marked 'H'), trees housing bird nests (marked 'N') or vegetation with wasps or bees present (marked 'B').

Clearing the marked vegetation is an important safety aspect of the Ridgелands Road upgrade to both enable to widening works to be completed and also provide sufficient clear zones along the road corridor. The nine metre clear zone reduces the risk of a serious accident should a vehicle run off the road at speed.

The department has engaged a spotter/catcher to assist with the clear zone works and where necessary, is overseeing the successful relocation of wildlife inhabiting the cleared vegetation.

Over the coming weeks, RoadTek (project contractor) is expecting to commence bitumen sealing the new road shoulders and will implement additional traffic control and speed restrictions during this period.

In total, the Ridgелands Road upgrade is expected to take three months to complete, weather permitting, with the road returning to normal traffic conditions in early July 2010.

Motorists are reminded to exercise caution and observe all warning signs, speed restrictions and traffic controller directions during the Ridgелands Road works.

Further information on the project is available by contacting Transport and Main Roads' Rockhampton Office on (07) 4931 1500.

The Ridgелands Rodeo Committee would like to thank the cattle donors and volunteer non-committee members that helped with our Easter Campdraft this year. We would also like to thank the Ridgелands Hall Committee for providing the catering again this year. Thanks also to Greg and Leonie Thompson and their team for getting the grass under control!

Cathie Murphy: Secretary Ridgелands & District Rodeo & Show Association Inc.

I don't have lungs or a chest but I need air; I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have a mouth and I'm allergic to water. What am I ?

Answer: Fire

Painter & Decorator

Interior/exterior
M & S McQuillan
ph 4934 5560

Pest Control

Amalgamated Pest
Control
ph 4921 4255

Supplies

PJ's Pet Barn
Nth R'ton
ph 4928 0299

Post Office, Fax**Photocopying etc**

Wandal PO
ph 4927 2101

Real Estate

Ray White Rural
Suzy McNamara
ph 4933 3309

AUCTIONEER

Richard Thomson
Ph 49271308 or
0438345928

Auto Electrical

Laurie' Auto Electrical
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Battery World
Rockhampton
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Kelly Bush
Ph 0407 162 156

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Possum Power
Ian Nicholas
Ph 49345116

Gardening Tips**Ants in your plants.**

It's common to find ants making a home in potting mix. This is not good for plants, because the ants gradually hollow out the mix, leaving roots hanging with no access to moisture. To fix the problem, soak the whole pot in a bucket of water to drown out the ants. Then pull the plant out to inspect the roots. If the problem is bad, remove some of the old potting mix and re-pot the plant. A good way to keep the ants from coming back is to place your pots on a couple of bricks that have been wiped over with kerosene.

Taken from the garden guru by Phil Dudman.

*A Note
of Thanks*

Jeff and Linda Edgar would like to thank everyone who supported them and made the night of the 8th May so enjoyable. We were overwhelmed by the support and care shown by everyone and realize what a wonderful community we live in. A special thanks to John and Carol Ellrott. Also we would like to again thank Alan and Robyn Edgar who made the first few days after the fire easier by supplying essentials and the use of a phone.

Watch this space for an open invitation to a house warming party at Craiglee. We would like to invite all who supported us to a house warming party when we have our new home.

KUMARA DAMPERS

(gluten free)

- 1 2/3 cups gluten free S-R flour
- 1 teaspoon caster sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 20g butter
- 1/2 cup cold mashed cooked kumara
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons water, approximately
- 2 teaspoons milk, approximately
- 2 teaspoons gluten free S-R flour, extra

Preheat oven to 220°. Line tray with bake paper.

Sift dry ingredients into large bowl, rub in the butter. Add kumara, buttermilk and enough water to mix to a soft, sticky dough. Knead dough lightly on a floured surface.

Divide dough into four equal portions. Roll each portion into rounds, place on oven tray. Cut cross through top of dough. Brush tops with milk, dust with flour. Bake dampers for 35 minutes

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I run but I never walk. I have a mouth but I never talk. I have a bed but I never lie. What am I ?

Answer: A river

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 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

Every 3rd Friday of the Month
7PM start
Alton Downs Sports Club

Great Music
Great Family Night Out
Steak Burgers \$6
Soft drinks \$1.5
Beer's \$3
UDL's \$6

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

June Birthdays

Happy 80th Birthday to Ken Stewart - 9th June

Happy 70th Birthday to Merel Smith - 12th June

Adam Bull 27th

Maurice McQuillan

Philip O'Neill 23rd

Kay Milner 22nd

WANTED

To rent a house in Ridgелands, Dalma or Alton Downs Area.
Phone 0402 386 928

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

Middle age is when you realise you'll never live long enough to try all those recipes you spent 30 years clipping out of newspapers and magazines.

Date Claimer

Ridgелands Show
5th June, 2010

Ridgелands Hall
Christmas Karoake
20.11.10

Engine Centre Rockhampton

Danny McNamara

Ph: 4934 1473

Mob: 0438 341 473

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Once there was an Irish man an Englishman and an Australian who decided to have a competition. While on top of the hill each man had to chuck his watch in the air, then run down the hill and catch it before it hit the ground. So the Irishman chucked his watch in the air, ran down the hill and SPLAT the watch hit the ground. Then the Englishman chucked his watch in the air, ran down the hill and SPLAT the watch hit the ground. Next was the Australian who chucked his watch in the air, ran down the hill, went and had a beer, did the shopping, came back and caught his watch. "How did you do that?" asked the Irishman. "My watch is 1 hour slow !!!!!" replied the Australian.