

Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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Happy 50th Anniversary to

Jim and Liz Macgregor

It was lovely to read in "News from around Town" that another of our local couples have recently celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary, so from your neighbours and fellow community members, congratulations.

Jim and Liz first met at an old-time dance at St Luke's Hall in Sarina and after a three year courtship; they were married on Mat 7, 1960 at St Paul's Presbyterian Church Mackay. In 1966 Jim and Liz moved to Rockhampton with their family and sometime later they built their home in Black Gin Creek Rd Alton Downs. Jim and Liz now enjoy retired life travelling around Australia and spending time with their children, grandchildren and extended family.



Photo courtesy of Morning Bulletin

'The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving.' – Oliver Wendell Holmes.

FROM 1 September 2010 all RURAL DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED!

Apparently the State Government Animal Management Act 2008 requires the RRC to enforce the registration of all dogs and cats in the WHOLE council area.

Council is offering a 6 month amnesty on all dog and cat registrations in areas not previously required to be registered. If you register your animals within 6 months of 1.9.10 you will get whole 2010-2011 registration period for free. This also affects working dogs.

To find out more phone 1300 22 55 77.

(RRC: Under the Capricorn Sun booklet)

YOUR ADVERTISEMENT COULD BE HERE.

You could Advertise your business on the front page of Around the Ridges and a Bit Beyond for \$50.00. Our newsletter is distributed to some 650 households in our local district. Please call us immediately to take advantage of this great offer.

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
Clyde: No, sir. It's the same dog.

Farm & Livestock

Rocky Feed & Seed
Gladstone Rd
Ph 49227307

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0428341125

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Australian Country
Living
Ph 49280088

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Delrosa
Ph 49341135 or mob
0418 155 819

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Cliff Munro
Ph 49224882

AUCTIONEER

Richard Thomson
Ph 49271308 or
0438345928

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Laurie' Auto Electrical
Ph 49221195 or
0407756046

Batteries

Battery World
Rockhampton
Ph 49229022

Butcher

Norm Milner
Campbell St
Ph 49276616

Cabinet Maker

Timber Merchant
N Watkins
Ph 49 341 243

Celebrant

Marriage and Civil
Jill C Fry JP Qual
Ph 4934 1444

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Kelly Bush
Ph 0407 162 156

Electrician

Possum Power
Ian Nicholas
Ph 49345116

Ridgeland's Show News

The Ridgeland's Show Committee ran another successful show, our 28th.

The Goat section was cancelled through lack of nominations.

I would like to thank our patrons, members and volunteers and CWA ladies. Ridgeland's School P&C for catering and the judges and stewards who helped to make the day a success.

The goat races, a first, created a lot of interest.

There were many favourable comments on how well the grounds looked.

Our next show is on 4th June 2011.

Rob Bishop, Chairman

Local Author's New Book

Local Children's Author, Lyn Lawrence, last year published her first children's picture book, *Grandad's Gift*.

Her second book, *Special* will be launched on Saturday 31st July, 2010 at the Cathedral College Library at 2pm.

This is a heart warming story about a border collie called Millie and her litter of pups. What happens when the smallest pup, "the runt" meets Joshua for the first time? It is a story of love and companionship between a dog and a boy with a disability.

Both books can be bought by contacting Lyn on 49341451 or (M) 04 0900 2754 or ordering through her website.

Visit Lyn's website www.lynlawrencebooks.com for more information about the author and her books.

Cookery Corner**Marble Cake**

250g butter, softened
1¼ cups caster sugar
3 eggs
2¼ cups self-raising flour
¾ cup milk
2 tbsp Cocoa
2 tbsp milk, extra
50g Milk Cooking Chocolate,
grated coarsely
50g White Cooking Chocolate,
grated coarsely
Pink food colouring

Chocolate Butter Icing

125g unsalted butter, softened
1½ cups (240g) icing sugar
2 tbsp milk
2 tbsp Cocoa

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease deep, 22cm round cake pan, line base and side with baking paper.
2. Beat butter and sugar in medium bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until combined. Stir in flour and milk, in two batches. Divide mixture equally between three bowls.
Bowl 1 – Combine cocoa and extra milk, stir into mixture then add grated milk chocolate.
Bowl 2 – Stir in grated white chocolate.
Bowl 3 – Tint with food colouring.
3. Drop spoonfuls of each mixture into a prepared pan. Pull a skewer forwards and backwards through cake mixture for a marbled effect. Bake about 1 hour. Stand cake for 5 minutes before turning, top-side up, onto wire rack to cool.
4. **Chocolate Butter Icing** – Beat butter in small bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in half the icing sugar, milk then the sifted cocoa and remaining icing sugar.
5. Spread cake with chocolate butter icing.

Teacher: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

Glen: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

Mechanical Repairs

Robo's Motorworks
Wandal
ph 4921 0200

Nurseries

Fitzroy Nurseries
Pink Lily
ph 49272388

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Wandal
ph 4921 0200

Office Supplies

Sisley's- Denham St
Rockhampton
ph 4927 6177

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
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Wandal PO
ph 4927 2101

Real Estate

Ray White Rural
Suzy McNamara
ph 4933 3309

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Ray White Rural
Geoff McNamara
ph 4933 3309

Tanks

SW Kele - precast
Concrete grids etc
ph 4927 4505

Tyres

Robo's Tyreworks
Wandal
ph 4922 2702

Upholstery

Strop's Upholstery -
motor, marine etc
ph 49272137

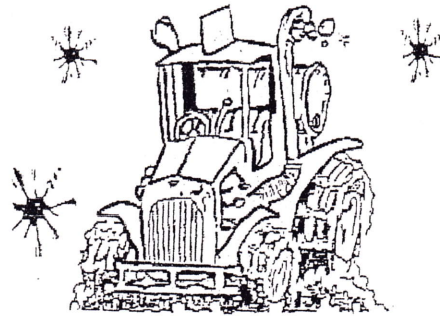
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WOOLLAM CONSTRUCTION & CQ Mudspartz Inc

Present

TWIN TRACK MUD SPRINTS



Saturday 17th JULY 2010

Racing Starts at 9am till 4pm then
Night Entertainment, BBQ and Bar

- At Kabra Motor Sports Park (behind Kabra Hotel)
- Juniors, Standards, Buggy's and Top Guns
- Please bring your own chairs
- No eskies allowed
- Trackside Bar
- Canteen Facilities Available
- Plenty of Parking and camping available.

Puzzle this one out:-

What have the words ALMOST and BIOPSY in common?

Answer: Their letters are in alphabetical order.

Gardening tip for bumper blooms:

Spray over your flowering plants (non natives) each fortnight with this mix to have a great show:

2 teaspoon of *soluble potash* and 2 teaspoons of *seaweed concentrate* in 10 litres of water (large bucket).

LOST: 6 years old **Red Heeler Bitch**. Missing from Nicholson Rd, Alton Downs on 10/6/10.

She answers to Lulu. Family is fretting. Ph 49341444

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

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

Landcare Landcare Day 14 July

Topic Biosecurity Issues and how they affect you.
Ridgелands Hall
7.00am for 9.30am start
BYO smoko and lunch.

D2A Tutoring

Limited vacancies available for terms 2&3. Private, curriculum based assessment and tuition available at reasonable rates. All tutoring offered on an individualised basis in a quiet, stress-free environment. Specialising in Numeracy, Literacy, Assignment Writing & maths for Prep to Year12. Phone Jody on 49210663

Every 3rd Friday of the Month
7PM start
Alton Downs Sports Club
Live DJ
Great Music
Great Family Night Out
Steak Burgers \$6
Soft drinks \$1.5
Beer
\$12 Adults
Kids free
UDL

Great Truths about Growing Old:

1. Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional
2. Forget health food. Growing old you need all the preservatives you can get
3. When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you are down there.

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

Date Claimer

Ridgелands Hall
Christmas Karaoke
20.11.10

Free Firewood

Now that RoadTek has finished, the sawn timber left behind is free. Please help yourself.

Generally speaking, it isn't what happens that counts, but what we do about it.

Wine Flu Pandemic

I went to a dinner party last night, where I and other guests, enjoyed copious amounts of alcohol. I awoke this morning not feeling well, with what could be described as flu-like symptoms: headache, nausea, chills, sore eyes, etc. From the results of some testing, I have unfortunately tested positive for what experts are now calling Wine Flu.

This debilitating condition is very serious - and it appears this is not an isolated case.

Reports are flooding in from all around the neighbourhood of others diagnosed with Wine Flu. To anyone who starts to exhibit the aforementioned tell-tale signs experts are recommending a cup of tea and a bit of a lie-down. However, should your condition worsen, you should immediately hire a DVD and take some Nurofen or panadol (these seem to be the only drugs available that have been proven to help combat this unusual type of flu) Others are reporting a McDonald's Happy Meal or KFC Zinger burger can also help in some cases.

Wine Flu is not life-threatening and, if treated early, can be eradicated within within a 24-48 hour period. If not, then further application of the original liquid in similar quantities to the original dose has been shown to do the trick.