

Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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Vale: Bryce Jackson –“Jacko”

The funeral service for Bryce ‘Jacko’ Jackson was held on Tuesday 6th July at the Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club. Over 240 people attended the service with friends and family coming from Warwick Toowoomba and Alice Springs. Bryce had been a member of 6 Polocrosse Clubs in his 40 years of membership and his cortege was led in by his partner Julie Armstrong leading his horse. At the conclusion of the service the Alton Downs Polocrosse Club formed a guard of honour for him.

Bryce Roy Jackson was born in Roma, the second child and only son of Roy and Dulcie Jackson. The Jackson’s drew a block 105kms south of Blackall which they called ‘Lynbrydon’ after their children. Bryce began his education there by correspondence and later went to boarding school in Charleville. He continued his education in Southport. In 1962 the family put a manager on ‘Lynbrydon’ and moved to Toowoomba and Bryce completed his education in Toowoomba.

Bryce’s natural love of horses was evident from an early age. Whilst completing his schooling in Toowoomba he became very involved in Middle Ridge and Downs Pony Clubs. By the end of 1965 the family had moved back to ‘Lynbrydon’ and Bryce continued his passion for horse sports. Being an accomplished rider and excellent sportsman he became involved in showjumping and began his lifelong passion for Polocrosse.

In his early adult life he was drafted in National Service with the Army. Bryce married Judy Deane on 27/5/1978. They sold Lynbrydon in the early 1980’s and moved to Warwick purchasing a property at Jandowae. Their daughter Peta was born on 9 November 1986. As an only child Peta was the apple of Bryce’s eye. Bryce continued his active interest in Polocrosse. Bryce and Judy later separated. Bryce’s old friend Angus Lane gave details of Bryce’s excellent eye for horses and told us of his time between 1986- 2001. In 2001 Bryce moved to the Alton Downs area where he renewed his childhood association with Julie Armstrong which had begun as children growing up in the Blackall district. Bryce was a master farrier however it was a means to an end- so he could play Polocrosse. Bryce and Julie joined the Alton Downs Polocrosse club and were very active members. Bryce continued to play and renewed old friendships and also made a lot of new friends.

After a few years Bryce came to realise that being a farrier was for the young and he and Julie began purchasing properties to renovate and on sell. Both being hard working, doing most of the work themselves, achieved a high level of success. They also had success in Victoria and he joined a Polocrosse Club there. In 2008 after successfully completing a property transaction in Gladstone, Bryce and Julie made a decision to move south to Portland in South Australia where they believed there was an opportunity for them to successfully continue their success in the property market renovating and their purchased 2 properties. Their dreams were shattered when in late 2009 Bryce became ill. He still kept his interest in Polocrosse.

Bryce was appointed coach of the Victorian Mixed Masters Polocrosse Team. The Victorian Team competed at the Ballarat Nationals and Bryce made the difficult journey (as his health was deteriorating) to Ballarat in March 2010 to watch the team compete – the last polocrosse he was to see. Bryce returned to Rockhampton and passed away quietly on 27th June 2010. His family and friends paid tribute and thanks to the unconditional love of Julie and her tireless support and care for Bryce during his illness. During his memorial service Julie and her family and many friends paid tribute to Bryce with humour and love. At the conclusion of the service, family and friends attached notes about Bryce to balloons which they released together to say a farewell to him. The Polocrosse and Sports Club hosted a wake and fellowship with a slide show of Bryce’s life.

With thanks to Alex Reid

Congratulations to Michael and Sherrie Sutcliffe and cutting horse trainer, Jason Leitch, for gaining 4th place in the recent NCHA Tamarang Futurity at Tamworth. From Tom and Nadia Bartlem,

Ridgelands Show Committee has been successful in obtaining another grant of \$18,676 from the Community Benefit Fund to extend the Fish, Bird and Poultry pavilion. These grants are appreciated by non-profit organisations in helping them upgrade their facilities. – Rob Bishop - Chairman (Aug meeting 11/8/10)

Auctioneer – **Richard Thomson**. Property & Livestock 49271308
0438 345 928

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Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club Bar Friday 6pm
Tennis Courts available
49341124, 49341396

Geoff Estreich – Bobcat & Truck Hire
Post digger, Trencher
0418 799 890

Maddo's Machinery Hire
Excavator, Bobcat, Truck
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Greg Thompson – Bobcat, Excavator & Truck Hire 49345587
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Full advertising details available in Community Business Directory. 49341132

CSV Capricorn Vet Surgery Ph 4927 3688
22 Gladstone Road
Dr Richard Olsen & Dr Sallyanne Olsen

Rockhampton Equine Clinic Ph 4928 4266
By Appointment Only

From Cherie Rutherford about DOG REGO.....

I understand there is considerable angst in the rural community regarding the requirement for rural dogs and all cats to now be registered. I would like to assure you that this is not something Council would have introduced by choice nor is it a function that Council has either the staff or the finances to adequately resource. The compulsory registration of dogs in rural areas and cats has been brought about by the introduction of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* by the State Government and has been devolved to Local Government for implementation. In short Council is required by legislation to undertake this role. Did Council accept this role willing? No. Numerous local Governments including RRC, through the Local Government Association, have lobbied the State Government and Council will also be writing to the Minister to highlight the difficulties and impracticality of this legislation.

However that said, at present it is the law and Council are bound to implement it. This law is what we are now working through. This is proving to be no easy task and what appears on the surface to be relatively straightforward has become an administrative nightmare. I have and will continue to advocate for a simple registration process with a minimal charge. I was hoping that Council could adopt a lifetime registration however the legislation stipulates a maximum three year registration so we are currently working on the feasibility of implementing that. I understand your anger and frustration with the introduction of this legislation and I assure you the message has been heard loud and clear by Council. Personally I do not believe the current proposal before Council is acceptable and will continue to advocate for a more appropriate process and charge. I have heard the comment that people will shoot their retired dogs and ask please, please do not do anything rash. This will take a little while to sort out, there will be an amnesty period and we can work through this together. I am only a phone call away, 0439 753 056 or cherie.rutherford@rrc.qld.gov.au.

Best wishes, Cherie Rutherford – Councillor Division 5

GARDENING TIPS

Many people would like to get more involved in gardening but don't know where to start. It can be overwhelming, especially if they have no previous experience (not even the benefit of seeing a parent or grandparent garden). The longest journey begins with a single step. Don't let fears of killing it stop you from planting anything at all. Just don't start with an expensive, large specimen or something very specialised like a Venus fly trap. Lots of popular garden plants can be obtained quite cheaply in small pot sizes. You can afford to lose a few. Buy from the Fetes (Ridgeland School 21st August). The ones that survive will look great and everyone will think you're a super gardener! Some people may have been discouraged by a bad experience with a plant they were given as a gift. However, some plants may have been intended as a table decoration and aren't intended for planting out. Some, like flowering cyclamen or daffodils aren't suited to warm climates. African violets or orchids look good straight from the florist but require some skill for successful growing on.

Don't be afraid to ask other gardeners as most will give advice and cuttings and enjoy spending time with you. Just give it a go and don't be discouraged.

Recipe: Yummy :-Potato Cakes

400g potatoes, peeled, 4 Spring onions finely sliced,
2 heaped teaspoons plain flour, 2 tablespoons butter softened, Salt and pepper to season.

Method:

Boil potatoes until just cooked. Drain well & when cool enough grate coarsely into a mixing bowl. Drop in sliced spring onions, add flour and season with salt/pepper. Mix in ½ the butter. Divide mixture into 4 equal balls and pat into flat rounds. Heat a non stick frying pan and add the rest of the butter. Gently fry potato cakes for 2-3 minutes each side - until light brown and heated right through.

WHAT'S ON

Indoor Bowls

Held 1st Saturday of every month at Alton Downs Hall all welcome.

Alton Downs Hall Committee

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NOTICES

For Hire

Chairs for hire for functions. Contact the Ridgeland's 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

August Birthdays

Jack Sleaford 24th
Blue Shepherd 15th
Joel Estreich 23rd
Maurie McQuillan 10th
Frank Dawson 11th
JULY: Happy 75th to George Tyrell, 69th Edgar Frankish

Baby Congratulations

To Adam and Katie Bull on the birth of Georgia Kate, 7lb 3oz, 13th July

*Life's uncertain
- eat dessert first*

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

Engine Centre Rockhampton

Danny McNamara
Ph 49341473
Mob 0438 341 473

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Alton Downs
Servicing all cars, 4WD,
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Word Power:

Aphilopphrenia – feeling unloved
Lookism: Prejudice on the grounds of appearance

MEETINGS

QCWA

Ridgeland's 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

Ridgeland's Hall Christmas
Karoake
20.11.10

Free Firewood

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

Ridgeland's Show Meeting

11th August, 2010
7.30pm

Correction

Date for next year's show,
28th May 2011

Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Assoc

Monday August 2nd at Alton Downs Hall at 7.30pm
Guest speaker Dan Toon (RRC)

One trouble with political jokes is that they sometimes get elected.

What colour is a burp?

A: Burple

Where do horses live?

A: in the neigh-bourhood

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Gracemere.

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0418799680
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Polocrosse and
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Licenced Premises for
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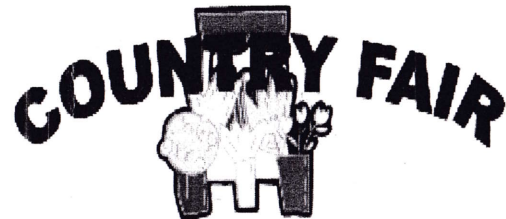
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Upcoming Events

RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL



AT THE SCHOOL and VOTE too
21st AUGUST 2010

MULTI - DRAW

RIDES

CRAFT STALL

PLANT STALL

FROGHOP

KARAOKE 'TIL
LATE

CAKE STALL

FOOTBALL
THROW

FACE PAINTING
And Much More



Don't Forget To Get Your Pre-Paid
Wristbands For The Rides From The
School Office

ALTON DOWNS SPORTS CLUB
Sports day and 3D barrels & DJ til late
Jackpot open day

Saturday 24th July

8.00 am start til late
Camping sites available
Ring Kate on 0419684593 for bookings
Prize money to 3rd place
Events will be run in heats

Program of Events

Flag race
Beidig race
Sporting figure of 8
Mig Race
Keyhole
Barrel Race
Western Beid

7 years & Under & Assisted
3 Flag race
Mig Race

Age groups
13 & under
35 & over

**Bar open
til late**

Mini Barrel
Beidig

16 & under

Canteen
open all
day
Burgers at
night

Trotting Race
Mig Race

10 & under
OPEN
All Welcome



start around 1.00 pm

