

# Around the Ridges

## and a bit beyond



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If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, please send all material in by the 15th of every month.

Advertising for special events must be submitted two months in advance.

Do you have an exciting story to tell? We want to hear them!!!! Please send your story, as you are a valued part of our community and this newsletter.

## LOST AND FOUND ... TWICE

When you lose a loved member of the family, it casts a pall over the old homestead. We've just been through the trauma of losing our beloved Yorkshire Terrier-type dog, Deefor. In December 1996 he was found on The Range at Rockhampton guarding his tennis ball. Nobody knew where he came from – and advertising didn't find his owner.

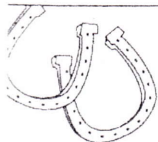
We had just been forced, very sadly, to put down our loved Australian Silky named Charlie, rescued from the 1990 Charleville flood by my husband John. At Rockhampton in 1996, Therese Bloomfield of Black Gin Creek Road worked for the man who found Deefor. Therese decided it would be great to give him a new home with us, and delivered him on Christmas Eve. We named him Deefor Dog and he rapidly became an essential member of our family. On 24 August I took him for a walk and then when I felt he had gone far enough (he's quite frail) let him off his lead to return home as he always did. This was only about 70 metres from our house.

And even though he has been blind for five years and more recently deaf, he always came back safely. An hour later I returned to the house to find Deefor had not returned. We searched everywhere and phoned all our neighbours – Bert and Iris Clements, Robyn and Phil O'Neill, Dianne Gale and Diane Bull.

We had a sleepless night - and started looking at dawn. After a few days, we virtually gave Deefor up for dead. On September 6, Debbie and Mark Pritchard coming home from town saw a little dog in their driveway, tottering round in circles and barely able to stand. They gave him water and food and started ringing around. Deefor was over 1,000 metres from home and terribly weak and thin. But he has now regained most of his weight. We're amazed he survived 13 days out there with several cold nights and rain.

Mark Pritchard says this is quite a survival story and someone may have given Deefor shelter and food during his ordeal. If this is true, we would like to hear from you. So, Deefor has now been lost and found twice in his nearly 15 years. He's a very lucky little terrier. Lorraine Ryan

***This newsletter is proudly sponsored by Ridgeland's CWA and we thank them for their kind donation of \$50.***





## The Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn. Inc AGM Report

The Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn. Inc held their annual general meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. After 30 years involvement as president/committee member, our president Robert Bishop decided to stand down from the position of president and take up the position of vice chairperson. Robert was congratulated on such a great achievement for one person and in his president's report, he said it was great to see the show continuing to grow and be a huge success. Since the first show, Robert and his committee have been a big part of obtaining grants for buildings and improvements for the show grounds to become what it is today – a community meeting place for everyone. From all of us, Robert, Thank you for all your hard work.

Following is our new committee for the 2010-2011 year: -

President	Peter Curtis
Secretary	Diane Bull
Secretary	Julann Chippendale
Treasurer	Leonie Thompson
Vice Chairperson	Robert Bishop and Stewart Jones
Delegates to Chamber	Peter Curtis and Sid Hoare
Patroness	Margaret Stewart

Should anyone wish to hire the kitchen or pavilions at the grounds please do not hesitate to contact us

Diane Bull - Secretary.

### Rockhampton Regional Council

Council will be undertaking general maintenance works in the areas of Mornish and Glenroy through to November 2010.

To find out what's happening in the region please visit:

<http://www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au/>

### District Reunion

Any residents from the Dalma, Ridgeland, Alton Downs, Mornish, Garnant, Calmorin districts are invited to a picnic lunch at Ridgeland Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 11:00am til late. All welcome. Please phone 49 345125 for further information

### Jokes

Why did the ships captain blush?	Because he saw the ships bottom
What do you call a hearing aid made from fruit?	Lemonade

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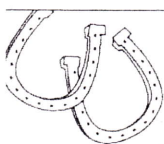
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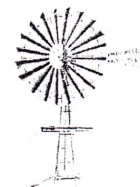
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## SCHOOL NEWS

School Fair - Many celebrated Election Day after casting their valuable vote at the school poll and then relaxed at the annual Ridgeland's School Fair. The event was a resounding success with parents, guardians, staff and community members spending their valuable time to help organise, setup, wrap, collect raffle prizes, make donations, cook, server, clean up and many other tasks that contributed to the event. The fair was the local event to attend with a variety of stalls including plants, cooking, second bargain items, games, face painting, hair spray painting, entertainment, rides, meals, competitions, auction, red claw racing and disco are only a small taste of the experiences to be had at the school event. Thank you to everyone for their efforts! The funds will go a long way to improving the learning outcomes at the school.

Interschool Gymkhana - The annual interschool gymkhana was held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at the Alton Downs Pony club grounds. Then students from Prep to Year 7 competed in the competition to represent the school. Ridgeland's equestrian team had a wonderful day winning the primary school highest points and placed second on the March Past. Also congratulations to Kirby Patterson and Kasey Bean who placed first in their grade level, Rudy Stanke and Amber Patterson placed second winning silver and Sophie Stanke who won bronze. Thank you to parents, riders, volunteers and past Ridgeland's students for helping prepare and present the team for the March Past and for helping throughout the day to make this event possible. The riders had a wonderful day and certainly enjoyed themselves once again.

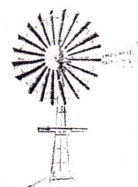
Resource Centre Construction - Construction will begin on the new resource centre in the next week. If you are travelling near the school over the next few months please beware of the increased traffic, especially larger vehicles turning in and out of the school grounds.

Electronic Bell System - The school has installed a new electronic bell system to ring for all school bell periods and emergency alarms. If you are at the school or nearby please do not be alarmed (excuse the punt) with the new vibrant sound.

Count us in performance -- Jody Hiron our music specialist organised our Ridgeland's students to join 500,000 students to perform in Australia's biggest school music gig. All participants throughout Australia sang the same song 'Come Play Your Part', at the same time on the same day. We joined the nation in song to help celebrate the importance of school music education for every Australian student. It was a very inspiring performance.

Prep Day - This is only a sample of the great activities/events that the school encourages student participation and awards received throughout the year for demonstrating educational leadership. If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren at the school please do not hesitate to contact us on 4934 55198.





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## **RECIPE CORNER Beef Pie with Cabbage and Potato Topping**

### INGREDIENTS

300gms. Beef Mince  
1 small onion, diced  
2 tablespoons tomato sauce  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon mixed dried herbs  
1 ½ cups diced vegetables  
2 teaspoons beef stock powder  
½ cup water  
1 tablespoon olive oil

### Topping:-

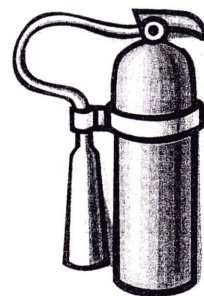
1 large potato, peeled and diced  
2 cups shredded cabbage, lightly wilted  
1/4 cup grated cheese  
1 tablespoon cream  
1 tablespoon butter

Heat oil in a pan over medium heat.  
Add beef, cook, stirring for 5 minutes.  
Add onion, sauces, herbs, water, stock powder and vegetables. Simmer uncovered for 20 minutes. Transfer beef mixture to a greased over dish.  
Topping:-  
Cook potato in a saucepan of boiling water. Drain and mash  
Add cabbage, cream and butter.  
Season to taste, stir until smooth.  
Spread on top of beef mixture, sprinkle with cheese.  
Bake in a moderate oven until golden, about 40-50 minutes.

### Bushfire Awareness Facts

Prepare your property – properties that are well prepared are far more likely to survive a bushfire, so everyone living in a bushfire prone area should prepare their property, regardless of whether their plan is to stay or go.

- Clear spaces around buildings
- Clear and remove undergrowth
- Fill any gaps in the eaves, around windows and door frames
- Protect larger under-deck areas with non-flammable screens
- Remove any fire hazards from around the house
- Rake up bark, leaves and twigs
- Make sure you have appropriate water and fire fighting equipment
- Make sure your property has cleared access for fire trucks.

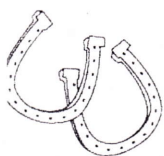
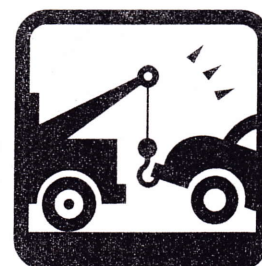


## **The Engine Centre Rockhampton**

**Danny McNamara**

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Servicing all cars, 4WD, trucks and tractors





# What's happening this month?

## Meetings

### Faraday Rural Fire Brigade - Ratepayers meeting

The Annual Faraday Rural Fire Brigade AGM and Public meeting is to be held at the Ridgелands Community Hall 7.30 pm Friday 5 November 2010. New members always welcome.

### QCWA

Ridgелands Branch meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month, starting at 9:30am.

### Stitch and Chat Group

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month starting at 9:30am. QWCA room, all welcome  
Ph 49 345145

## Community Notices

### Alton Downs Hall

#### Committee

To book community hall please contact Booking Officer, Sid Hoare on 49 341147.  
Alternatively call,  
T Hoare 49 34 1493  
J Chippendale 49 345120

### Chair Hire

Contact the Ridgелands State School P&C to hire chairs for functions.  
Ph 49 345518

## Events

### Indoor Bowls

Held 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month at Alton Downs Hall.  
All welcome

### Camp Quality Monthly Markets & Car Boot Sale

Held 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month at Conaghan Park, Gracemere from 8:00am-12:00pm  
Vacancies exist for new stall holders.  
Ph 0447 361 693

### Licensed Christmas

#### Karaoke

Event in aid of Ridgелands Hall Funds Saturday, 20 November 6.30 pm, at the RIDGELANDS HALL  
Spit pig, roast beef and vegetables, Christmas lollies for the children  
RAFFLE, GOLD COIN ENTRY, ALL WELCOME

## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

Fiona Peterson  
Greg Dyer

### Congratulations

Graham Pott and Alison Hartwig on their upcoming marriage on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. Best Wishes from Julie Schulz

## Locals in Profile



### Name:

Jess O'Neill

### Location:

Alton Downs

### Occupation:

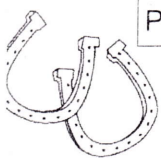
Communications Advisor, MICOMM,  
How long have you lived in this area: 23 years  
What do you like about living there: Peaceful & the area makes you appreciate life  
What is your favourite holiday destination? Still plenty to explore before I can answer. We are travelling to Vietnam at in September  
Favourite meal?

Pancakes

Five people you'd invite to dinner, living or dead: Mahatma Gandhi, David Attenborough, Lady Gaga, Aiden (from Sex and the City), Jamie Oliver (to cook for us!)  
Proudest achievements: Walking Kokoda, finishing uni, living overseas, being an O'Neill

### Phrase you live by:

Carpe Diem (cease the day)



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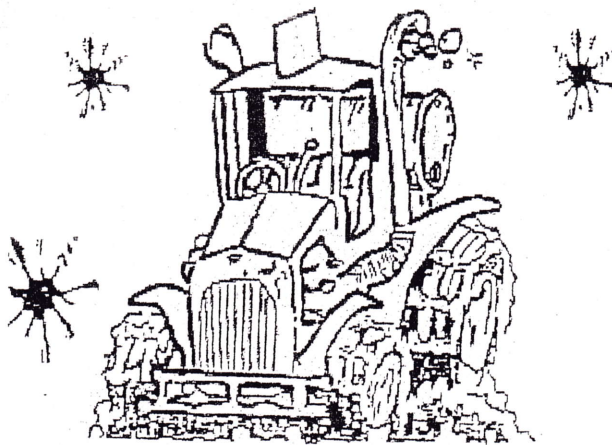
CONSTRUCTIONS

& CQ Mudspartz Inc

Present

## ***TWIN TRACK MUD SPRINTS***

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010*



Racing Starts at 3pm and continuing  
through the Night under Lights

- At Kabra Motor Sports Park follow the signs
- Juniors, Standards, Buggy's and Top Guns
- Please bring your own chairs
- No eskies allowed
- Trackside Bar
- Canteen Facilities Available
- Plenty of Drinking