

Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond



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Around the Ridges and a bit beyond is a community and school newsletter.

The newsletter is produced monthly, and is funded through sponsorship and advertising.

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.

Community Reunion

The 'Back to Ridgeland's' reunion was held on the 2nd October at the Ridgeland's Hall.

Approximately 100 people attended the celebration, enjoying a picnic lunch and reminiscing about the good old days. Some of the topics that were discussed included:

- The butcher and general store opposite the Ridgeland's Hall
- The railway station which ended its journey from Rockhampton near the Ridgeland's showground
- The dances held at the Ridgeland's Hall since 1925.
- The dairy farms within the region – with the milk being transported by road and the cream by train, 3 days a week
- Local race days
- School days

Amongst the local families that attended the reunion were the Milners, Chippendales, Dawsons, Watts, Smiths, Stewarts, Bakers and the Roders.

The reunion was organised by Ridgeland's QCWA president Hilary Chippendale, Gordon Smith and the branch members. The funds raised at the reunion were donated to the Ridgeland's Hall Committee.

The Around the Ridges committee would like to wish all their readers a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We look forward to bringing you some new and exciting stories next year. Please remember that we hold a one month break from the newsletter over the Christmas/New Year season.





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Our Local Achievers

The Cathedral College Academic Awards Night was held at the Pilbeam Theatre on the 5th November, with several past students of Ridgeland and Dalma State Schools being award recipients.

Curtis Duff and Mathew Stanke received Year 9 Academic Awards with Tayla Stanke receiving the Year 9 Excellence Award.

Year 11 Subject Excellence was awarded to Emma Stanke, with Travis Duff receiving Year 12 Subject Excellence Awards and Dux of the College for 2010. Travis has applied to undertake a dual degree in Economics and Science, majoring in Mathematics, at the University of Queensland in 2011.

 Congratulations Cameron Milner on winning the All Round Junior Cowboy for the 3rd year in a row at the C.R.C.A finals. Cameron also won Champion Rookie Rope and Tie, Champion Rookie Team Heeler. Cameron will be travelling to the Gold Coast A.P.R.A. National Finals in January to compete in the Rope and Tie.

Local Association thanks volunteers

The Ridgeland District Sporting and Agricultural Association Inc. held their annual Christmas get together on Friday, 12th November. This get together was held to thank the volunteers and present Robert Bishop with a meritorious award for 28 years service as President. The evening was attended by approximately 90 people, who celebrated this event together. On behalf of the committee and community, we would like to thank Rob for his service and commitment.

Thank-you

- Neil Fisher for assisting Jenny Prince and Susan Balmain with the selection of the new plants for the Ridgeland State School front garden.
- Jill Fry, Loretta Titmarsh, and Erin and John (from Alton Downs Kennels) for the Coles docketts





Auctioneer
Richard Thomson
Ph 49 271308 or
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Recipe Corner

Fruity Christmas Cake

- 1 ¾ cups chopped dates
- 1 ½ cups chopped prunes
- 1 1/3 cups chopped raisins
- 1 1/3 cups chopped dried apples
- 1 cup chopped glace cherries
- ½ brandy, plus 2 tablespoons extra
- 150g butter, room temperature
- 1 ½ cups brown sugar
- 5 eggs
- 1 tablespoon marmalade
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 ½ cups plain, sifted
- 2 ½ cups chopped almonds
- Plus whole almonds to decorate

1. Combine fruit, cherries & brandy in a large bowl, mix well
2. Cover and set aside overnight
3. Preheat oven to slow, 120 C
4. Line a 22cm cake pan with two layers of baking paper
5. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy
6. Add eggs one at a time
7. Beat in marmalade and vanilla
8. Transfer to a large bowl
9. Fold half the flour & half the fruit into creamed mixture
10. Fold in remaining fruit, flour and chopped almonds
11. Spoon into prepared cake pan
12. Smooth the top and decorate with almonds
13. Bake 2 ½ to 3 hours or until skewer comes out clean
14. Drizzle extra brandy over hot cake
15. Cover and cool completely.

Correction from last edition – Caramel Slice. Ingredients should have read 150g of butter, melted.

Recipe for Christmas – All Year Long

Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life
Each day a sweet surprise.

Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know
Like festive Christmas candles
Each one has a special glow.

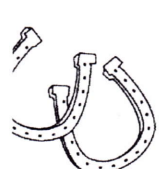
Add some giggles and some laughter
A dash of Christmas food
(Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves our attitude!)

Stir it all with human kindness
Wrap it up in love and peace
Decorate with optimism and
Our joy will never cease.

If we use this healthy recipe
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas spirit
Even when it's not December.



Colour me in





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Gardening Tip

Never let your soil or potting mix fully dry out, as this is what make hydrophobia a major problem.

Prep 2011

If your child turns 5 by the end of June 2011, he/she can still enrol for Prep. Phone the school on 49 345518 for more details.

Jokes

What's black white black white black white black white black white...

A penguin rolling down the stairs

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Centipede

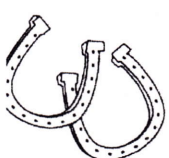
Centipede who?

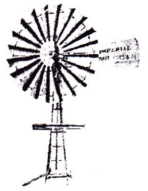
Centipede (Santa peed) on the Christmas tree.



Christmas Word Search

E N A C Y D N A C H T A E R W S S	ANGEL	MANGER
T H I S S N O I T A R O C E D H Y	BELLS	MARY
E G G N O G M E H E L H T E B E O	BETHEHEM	MISTLETOE
G I F T S F R U I T C A K E T P T	CANDLES	MYRRH
R E G N A M H F R I E N D S F H S	CANDY CANE	ORNAMENTS
S L T R E E I E C S C S R R S E E	CAROLS	POINSETTIA
T S H N E G A S A A E A A A T R J	DECORATIONS	SANTA
H A R A S E N N T L N N R A T D E	EGGNOG	SHEPHERDS
G I E G S E T I C L K D K O G S S	FAMILY	SKATES
I T E G L A K I K I E S L O L T U	FRANKINCENSE	SLEIGH
L T W O B E C A N C O T L E N S S	FRIENDS	SNOWFLAKES
F E I B E I I C L G O D O E S N J	FRUITCAKE	SNOWMAN
A S S O L L E R A F C T M E M O O	GABRIEL	STABLE
M N E T L N B N B N W A S Y A W S	GIFTS	STAR
I I M T S O G A B A N O R E R M E	GOLD	STOCKING
L O E E J E O L T R G R N D Y A P	GREETING CARDS	THREE WISE MEN
Y P N Y L L O H O S H L Y S S N H	HOLLY	TOBOGGAN
	ICICLES	TOYS
	JESUS	TREE
	JOSEPH	WREATH
	LIGHTS	





What's happening this month?

Meetings

QCWA

Ridgeland Branch meetings held on the 1st Wednesday every month, starting at 9:30am.

Stitch and Chat Group

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

Ridgeland Sporting and Agricultural Association Inc.

Meeting on the 9th December 2010, 7:30pm, Ridgeland Showgrounds.

Celebrations

Birthdays

Susan Balmain
Robert Lund
Penelope Fry
Carol Reid (January)

Sayings

Trust changes people.
They become what you
tell them you expect.
Scott Adams

That list of New Year's
resolutions you made last
year can be used again.
It's as good as new.

Events

Alton Downs Hall Association Inc. Christmas Dance

Alton Downs Hall on Saturday 4th December at 7.30pm. Music by Two Can. There will be a prize for the best lady & Gent Costumes, raffles, novelty prizes and supper will be served. Call Joyce Chippendale 49345120 or Tom Hoare 49341493 for more information

Dalma Rural Fire Brigade Christmas Meeting and Break-up Party

Sunday, 12th December starting at 4:30pm at the Dalma Hall. General meeting followed by refreshments, nibbles then a BBQ and sweets. BYO plates, cutlery, drinks, meat and salad to share. Contact Narelle Hinz on 49 345931 or 0409 340 385.

Indoor Bowls

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

Camp Quality Monthly Markets & Car Boot Sale

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

Community Notices

Alton Downs Hall Committee

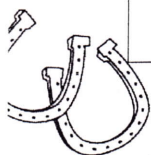
To book community hall please contact Booking Officer, Sid Hoare on 49 341147.
Alternatively call,
T Hoare 49 34 1493
J Chippendale 49 345120

Chair Hire

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

Cleaner Wanted

Cleaner wanted to clean house 4-5 hours per week. Required to do vacuuming, mopping, toilets, bathroom, dusting, at times windows and timber blinds. Please contact Shelly on 49341612 or 0408264946





AUSTRALIA DAY 26TH JAN 2011

ALTON DOWNS

SPORTS CLUB FUN DAY

- Mower Race
 - Show & Shine
 - UTE & Car Show
- plus much more fun
for kids

Commences after 3pm

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