

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.

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2011 and already we have had an exciting start to the year and we hope that everyone remains safe. Our dedicated volunteers will do their best to produce an interesting newsletter and with your help, we can inform the community of all upcoming events and occasions that you may be holding, as well as sharing stories of interest that have happened in the community. Diane Bull

Ridgelands State School Principals Message:

Welcome back to a new school years for returning families as well as those new to the Ridgelands School community.

I trust that the recent floods did not impact you adversely and that the year ahead continues better than the devastating start we have seen around Queensland. The new school library has been completed and we are only wanting for a final handover inspection before we can move in and start taking advantage of this fantastic new space. Details on an official opening will be communicated in the next few weeks. I look forward to seeing each and every student grow and improve throughout the year in the safe, caring environment we endeavour to provide at Ridgelands State School

Until next time - Brad Carlson

Council Community Meeting at Alton Downs Hall 16 January 2011

Cherie Rutherford, Brad Carter, Tom Upton and Ergon, QBuild, Dept of Communities and Centrelink came to the Hall albeit at short notice. However a good turnout (which surprised them) came to hear what they had to say. Basically it was about recovery after the floods. Tom Upton said to phone 1300652659 for debris collection from flooded households. Roads would be repaired as fast as possible with major roads the priority. The recovery aim is to get business up and running so residents can get back to work and the economy back on track. Ergon advised they had had a mobile plant left at Alton Downs in case of power outages here. They could have flown a crew in to fix problems but it was not required. Dept of Communities should be contacted if due to flooding washing machines and other white goods need to be replaced.

Other Information: Primary producers and small businesses qualify for **natural disaster financial assistance** from govt. There also are loans available = phone 1800 623946



Pest Control Amalgamated Pest Control Ph 49 214255
Mechanical Repairs Robo's Motorworks Wandal Ph 49 210200
Farm & Livestock Rocky Feed & Seed Gladstone Rd Ph 49 227307
Gifts Australian Country Living Ph 49 280088
Painter & Decoration Interior/Exterior M & S McQuillan PH 49 345560
Hay & Fodder Delrosa Ph 49 341135 or 0418155819
Water Services Bell's Water Supplies Drinking and Stock Ph 49 331752
Electrician Possum Power Ian Nicholas Ph 49345116
Batteries Battery World Rockhampton Ph 49 229022

Assistance: up to \$25000 in grants.

Tier 1 grants of up to \$5000 will be available immediately to assist with the recovery effort. You will be asked to supply photographic evidence that flood damaged your property and you will need to estimate the cost to fix this damage. (It is for infrastructure not restocking) You should keep records of the expenses you spend the grant on should you get it as spot auditing will happen.

Tier 2 grants of up to a further \$20000 will be provided on proof of expenditure and you will have to provide proof of the expenditure of the initial \$5000 (receipts etc) For more info phone 1800 623 946.

If you were unable to get to town or work i.e. cut off by floodwaters you may be eligible for a loss of income payment (equals unemployment benefit for up to 13 weeks) and/or the \$1000 payment for each adult and \$400 for each child.

For the \$1000 payment can be claimed online at Centrelink website, claims section and answer the questions and at the conclusion you will have a printout of what you must supply OR do it over the phone and the human will answer your questions and tell you what is necessary.

(You should have your ABN If you have one, birth certificate, drivers licence, Medicare card and bank account details (BSB and account number) ready.

You should phone: **180 22 66** to check out your eligibility. (The number is correct) Don't muck around - phone up and you will then know whether you have any entitlement.

Interesting :LINK TO GOOGLE CRISIS RESPONSE MAPS ETC.

http://www.google.com/crisisresponse/queensland_floods.html

Refrigerator Biscuits. Makes 6 dozen.

185g butter, 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar, 1 egg, 1 tsp vanilla extract

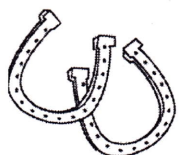
2 ¼ cups flour, ½ tspn salt, ½ tspn baking powder

Method: Cream butter with brown sugar. Add egg and vanilla and beat well. Sift flour with salt and baking powder. Stir into creamed mixture. Shape into long rolls about 5cm in diameter. Wrap in foil or plastic wrap and freeze until needed. Slice thinly, put on a baking tray and bake in a pre-heated moderate oven (180 deg C) for 7-10 minutes. Mixture can be kept in refrigerator, wrapped in foil, for up to 2 weeks.

Joke: *Pupil:* My teacher was mad with me because I didn't know where the Rockies were.

Mother: Well next time remember where you put things!

Always remember you're unique...Just like everyone else.



**Auctioneer**

Richard Thomson
Ph 49 271308 or
0438345928

Pet Shop Supplies

Pets
PJ's Pet Barn
Nth Rockhampton
Ph 49 280299

Think Water

Rockhampton
Peter Hunt
Ph 49 27 5700

Veterinary

Capricorn Vet Surgery
Rockhampton
Ph 49 273688

Tanks

SW Kele— Precast
concrete grids etc.
Ph 49 274505

Celebrant

Marriage and Civil
Jill C Fry, JP Qual
Ph 49 341444

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Truck, Bobcat Hire
Geoff Estreich
Ph 49 345958

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Laurie' Auto Electrical
Ph 49 221195 or
0407756046

The Fitzroy in Flood**by Jack Bush 2011**

From the bays on the coast and from away out to sea

The monsoons are coming they're crossing the coastline

The downpour is falling on Rocky, Emerald and Theodore and all the towns
near and far

Its flooding the land turning dust into mud

Each gutter and gully each creek and river contributes its share

To the mighty Fitzroy river.

A great rain depression, half the width of the state

Is filling and flooding as it pours out its fury

The Brown, Comet, Dawson, Nogoia,

The McKenzie, Isaacs, and Connors,

The rivers of the Fitzroy basin

Finally become the mighty Fitzroy river.

The Fitzroy River in flood, a frightening sight

They're using boats in the streets

On the edge of town there's a car in a tree

The water has spread out over the flood plains and is lapping three sides of
the town

Drowned cattle drift by on the current; the tally will be a lot less when the
waters go down

The Riversleigh gauge she's high and still rising

Yaamba is high and still more water to come

Now a few miles beyond the barrage

There's a place called Pirates Bend

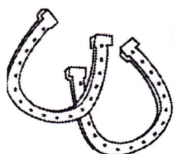
It slowed up the river no end.

But previous floods have cut a big channel right through the bend

So now she flows free 'till she reaches the wide open sea.

'What is a "free" gift ? Aren't all gifts free?'

"Eschew obfuscation." Think about it!





What's happening this month?

Meetings

QCWA

Ridgелands 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

Fitzroy Northern Area

Ratepayers Association will have their next meeting at Alton Downs Hall 7:30pm -February 7.

Ridgелands Show Meeting

16 February 2011 at 7.30pm at Show Grounds.

Events

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 Comm

To book community hall please contact. Bookings Sid Hoare – 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

Celebrations

Jenny Prince 11th Feb

Anna Reeve 13th

Roger Croser 16th

LOST DOG

Male brindle Staffy cross 11 months old with a ½ stumpy tail. Blue twine collar answers to "Rusty". Phone Jo 0429431488 or 49341483.

Opportunity

'Expression of Interest' wanted for performers for the Ridgелands Show 28/5/2011. Contact committee 4934 1192.

Multipurpose Cleaning Recipe:

500ml water

100 ml vinegar

20ml Eucalyptus oli

20ml detergent

Cleans all surfaces and cuts through grease.

Mix all together in a spray bottle.

BUSINESS TIPS

extended warranties From 1 January 2011, under the new Australian Consumer Law, a shop automatically provides 'consumer guarantees' when you buy goods. A consumer does not need to purchase an extended warranty if it only covers a length of time that a reasonable person would expect the goods to last for anyway. For example, a consumer buys a new LCD television for \$2000. It has a one year manufacturer's warranty, and the shop offers for sale an extended warranty for a further year. If the TV breaks after 18 months, The shop would still need to fix the TV for free, regardless of whether the consumer purchased the extended warranty or not. This is because a reasonable person would expect a \$2000 TV to last longer than 18 months and the 'consumer guarantees' for acceptable quality has not been met.

From Dept of Fair Trading

