

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.

A Memorable Year

2011 has already been a year to remember; with cyclones, floods and erratic weather conditions. However for some mums and dads, 2011 will be remembered as the year their sons or daughters attended their first day of school. This year Ridgeland State School has approximately 63 pupils, with 12 of them attending prep for the first time in January. There were a few tears, nerves, and scary moments, but most of the day full of fun and excitement.

In one prep student's eyes, the first day of school was like the first time riding in a John Deere tractor. Lachlan Balmain said it was really fun and exciting and maybe a little tiny bit scary in the beginning. Lachlan said he enjoys playing on the adventure playground, reading books, colouring in and cooking, and was really impressed when the class watched Toy Story on the rainy days in February!

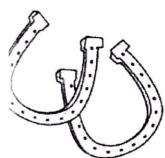
In February, the class hosted a 'Polly put the kettle on' tea party – where the kids cooked cupcakes and the teachers served cordial from the 'kettle'.

For these new students, there are lots of new things to get used to; uniforms, tuckshop, school buses, lunchtimes, class mates and teachers. This year, the Prep / Year 1 class have Mrs Prince, Mrs Pierce and Mrs Hunt as their teachers, with Mrs Paddison, Mrs Stanke looking after 2,3,4 and Mr Carlson, Mrs Balmain looking after 5, 6, 7.

So far, Lachlan and the other prep kids are having a great time, 2 months down, 11 years and 10 months to go!!

Ridgeland Hall News

The President and Members of the Ridgeland Hall Committee would like to thank everyone for their support at the Annual Christmas Karaoke. This was our main organised fundraising activity for 2010. Thank you for the generous donations of items for the auction, and of course without buyers there would be no sale, so thank you to the purchasers. Thanks again to everyone who helped out in anyway to make the night the success it was, including the participants in the Karaoke for providing the entertainment.





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RECIPE: Vegetable Rosti

Gate ½ zucchini, 1 small potato and the equivalent portion of sweet potato. Add 1 tablespoon plain flour, 1 tablespoon grated cheese, 1 teaspoon vegetable oil. Combine well and season to taste. Heat a small amount of oil in a non-stick frypan. Spoon 2 tablespoons of vegetable mixture into pan, flatten with back of spoon. Cook 2-3 minutes, turn and cook a further 1-2 minutes, until both sides are golden and crispy. This can be used to top a sausage or mince dish cooked in the oven.

FLOOD APPEAL

Garden Drive

The flood has affected many within our community and as the rebuild starts some residents years of work has been washed away. In conjunction with The Morning Bulletin a Flood Appeal Garden Drive has been established to help residents beloved gardens get back to their former glory.

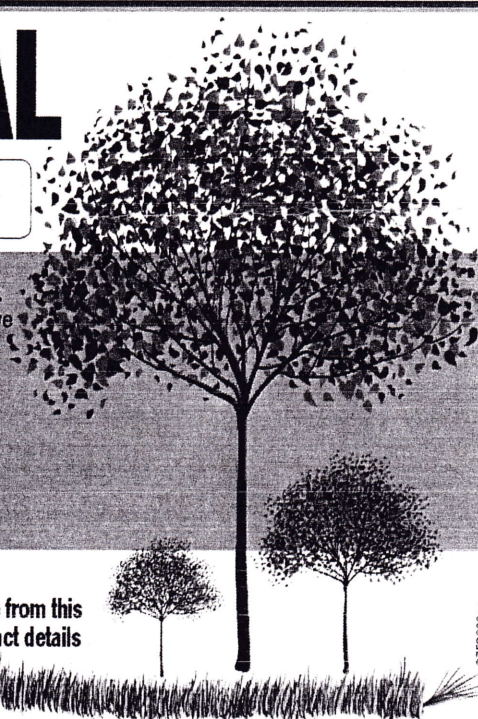
We're calling for donations now, so if you can assist with:

- Plants
- Cuttings
- Seedlings
- Soil
- Mulch
- Machinery
- Or anything to help in the garden

We'd love to hear from you.
Please call 0427 513 191 to donate.

REGISTER FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

If you've lost your garden and would like to register for assistance from this drive please call 0427 513 191 with your name, address and contact details



Locals in Profile

Name: Ann Herring

Location: Ridgeland

Occupation: School cleaner

First job: Worked in a café for 2 weeks after leaving school, then became a governess.

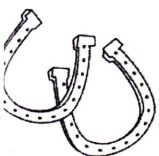
How long have you lived in this area: 16 years

What do you like about living there: Love the bush lifestyle and being on the land with Jack and our animals.

What is your favourite past time: working with animals / having a good joke

What is your favourite holiday destination? Never had a holiday in my life, but would love to travel inland to the Kimberley's, can't stand cities or beaches.

Something most people don't know about me: I used to breed and show dogs; Corgis, German coolies and I used to play tennis





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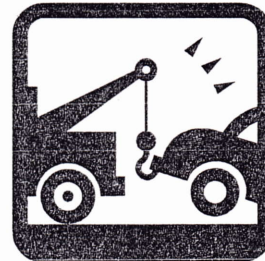
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Ridgeland's Show

Lots of Attractions

Horse & Cattle Events

Poultry, Birds & Fish

Goats Racing

Pavilions

Displays & Stalls

Entertainment for the Children

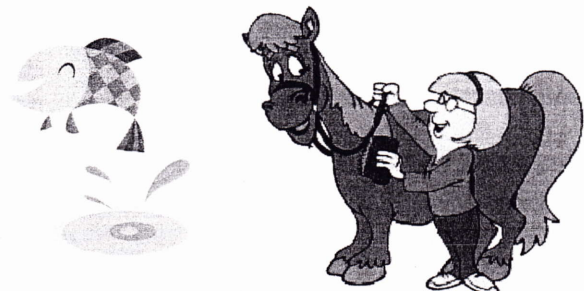
Fashion Parade

Admission

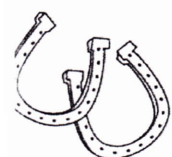
Adults: \$6.00

Pensioners: \$4.00

Primary School Children: Free



ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT PETER CURTIS – (07) 49341235





What's happening this month?

Events

Indoor Bowls

Held 2nd Saturday of every month at Alton Downs Hall. 7.30pm. All welcome

Alton Down Hall Assn Cent Sale

9th April, Alton Downs Hall, 1:30pm, for a 2pm start. Many prizes to be won, afternoon tea will be served. All welcome.

ANZAC Day – Dawn Service

25th April, 4:27am, Alton Downs Hall. Gunfire breakfast after service, all welcome.

Alton Down Hall Assn Dances

19th March, Man in Black
21st May, Man in Black,
18th June, Two Can,
30th July, Man in Black
20th August, Two Can,
17th September, Two Can,
29th October, Man in Black,
19th November, Two Can

Dance starts at 7:30pm, raffles and novelty prizes to be won, supper also available.

Please call Joyce Chippendale on 49 34 5120 or Tom Hoare on 49 341493.

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 49345120

Chair Hire

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

Cat Found

A young female grey tabby cat was found in the area of McKenzie and Ridgeland's Roads, Alton Downs late January. The cat is now desexed and being fostered through Capricorn Animal Aid. Very friend cuddly cat. The previous or potential new owner can call 0428786 792 to claim the cat.

Meetings

QCWA

Ridgeland's 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

Celebrations

Birthdays

Ben Reid 3rd
Alex Reid 8th
Jenny Reeve 15th
Jill Fry 19th
Miriam Croser 23rd
Katie Bull 26th
Jenny Dendle 11th

Some words to think about:

Pandiculation: stretching and yawning before going to bed or before getting up

