

Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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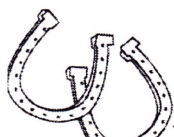
We want to hear them!!!! Please send your story, as you are a valued part of our community and this newsletter.

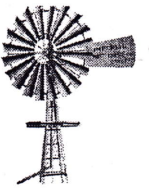
A week in the life of a Red Cross Volunteer

The phone rang early on Saturday morning, "Robyn, would you be available to go to North Queensland sometime in the next week"? A wave of excitement swept over me this was to be my first deployment as a Red Cross Volunteer with that excitement also came an immense feeling of sadness for the people in the area. Just 2 days prior to the call, Cyclone Yasi had hit the Tully/Cardwell area leaving a trail of destruction in its path with families homeless and frightened, no water or electricity.

I advised Red Cross that I was available after organising time off from my job. My destination changed 3 times over the following days. Originally it was to be Tully; where accommodation was camping and I would require sleeping bag, pillow, torch and gumboots, then I was Townsville; therefore I would not require any of the above, then the night before I left I was told I'd be going to Ingham and to take my sleeping bag and pillow just in case!

I arrived in Townsville along with 19 other volunteers who came from different parts of the country including Bundaberg, Ipswich, Brisbane, Gold Coast and northern New South Wales. We were met by our co-ordinator a Red Cross Employee from New Zealand. Arrangements for accommodation were that 7 of us would go to Ingham and the other 13 would be in Townsville, travelling up and back each day. The trip from Townsville to Ingham revealed some of the destruction from the cyclone. Tell tale signs of the flood waters on fences, debris deposited in the forks of trees, many trees over, electricity towers mangled, power lines down and as we got closer to Ingham, houses missing roofs and water tanks in strange places. We arrived in Ingham at lunchtime and took over from the other Red Cross Volunteers working at the Recovery Centre. Their 5 day stint was finished and they would travel back to Townsville in the bus we had arrived in. The Recovery Centre was set up in the local Nightclub; the only building large enough to fit the Government Departments – Centrelink, Dept of Communities, DEEDI, Lifeline, Dept of Housing and Save the Children. There were roughly 60-80 residents of the area sitting patiently waiting their turn to talk to people from the different departments to see what financial help, if any, would be available for them. My job at that time was to make coffee/tea and to talk with people as they waited. It was all a little overwhelming at the time, the noise was incredible with so many people. It all became easier as we all settled into our new environment; getting to know the people we were working with and being briefed each morning about what was hoped to be achieved during the day. As Red Cross volunteers we were responsible for the smooth running



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of the centre, calculating how many people visited the centre and to what departments they visited and also going out with Dept of Community employees calling on residents in outlying areas checking claims for payments, this was called OutReach. Groups of 3 or 4 people went out to different locations each day and a Red Cross volunteer would be part of the group. We heard many sad stories, witnessed the terrible destruction the cyclone and rain caused not only to the homes but to the land, trees, rainforests and plantations of cane. It saddens me now to hear that these areas are still being hit with such huge rainfalls, 750mm during the last week, and knowing that bright orange tarps are still acting as roofs and homes which are being flooded yet again.

I had an enjoyable week in Ingham working with wonderful Red Cross volunteers. We laughed and cried together and became quite close during that week. I'm so glad that I fronted up to the information day that Red Cross Emergency ran last October, not knowing what it was all about and deciding on the day that I would like to be part of this wonderful Organisation. If you are interested in becoming a Red Cross Emergency Disaster Volunteer the call is out for more recruits. This group has really been stretched this season with so many natural disasters unfolding around us. Please visit www.redcross.org.au or call 3367 7222.

Robyn O'Neill, Alton Downs

Vale – James Watts – 1967-2011

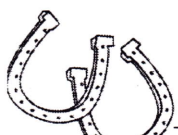
Our thoughts go to the family of James Watts, the son of Kev and Pat Watts who passed away just 12 months after being diagnosed with a brain tumour. His funeral was held on the 4th March at St Joseph's Cathedral and a wake was later held at the Rockhampton Leagues Club.

Principal's Report

Monday 14th March saw the school captains, vice captains, house captains and student councillors receive their badges for 2011. The Honourable Ted Malone was our special guest assisting in the presentation of certificates and badges. Parents and community members were welcomed from 9 am Monday morning. A celebratory morning tea was held after the parade, organised by the P&C association. The school has taken official ownership of the new Resource centre and we are currently in the process of moving in. The building has provided the school with a state of the art, Multi-purpose education facility. An official opening will be held in the near future.

Gardening Tips

After the rain and the fine weather, the weeds have tried to take over the garden. With help from a spray and mulch they will come under control. Mulch is available every Saturday morning from 8-11 a.m. and it is FREE. Thank you Rockhampton Regional Council. In the past the mulch from the dump came with lots of rubbish in it but that is not the case now as it is well prepared. Trucks are not welcome but you can take your ute and/or trailer and it is loaded quickly. Remember to cover the load before you leave as you could receive a substantial fine and it is simply not worth it.





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World's Greatest Shave

Please help us raise money for cancer. Julie Connor will shave her head on the 17th June, 2011. Send donations to Judy Stanke c/o Ridglands State School. Please help this good cause.

Around the Ridges Email Address Change

Please note that all information for the Around the Ridges newsletter should be sent to aroundtheridges@hotmail.com

Rockhampton Regional Council News.....

Lively Conversations (War- the Australian Comforts Funds)



The Australian Comforts Funds was a voluntary civilian organisation operating during WWI. Find out the stories behind some of the beautiful objects on display at the Central Queensland Military Museum. Enjoy a morning cuppa, chat to CQ Military Museum curators, and view archival film footage in the air-conditioned Fitzroy Room in the lead up to

Anzac Day activities. **Wednesday 20 April, 10am-11am**, Rockhampton Regional Library, 230 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton, Bookings on telephone 49368044.

The story behind the *Bony* books



Arthur Upfield's hugely popular books about the aboriginal detective Bony will be discussed at Living Literature this month.

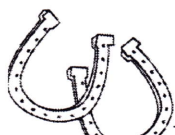
Local blogger and fan Anton Lang will share the story of this fascinating author and historical series at the Rockhampton Regional Library on

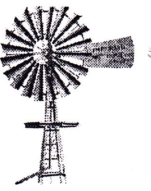
27 April, 7pm-8pm, bookings on telephone 49368044.

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Recipe: Cherry Ripe Slice

1 Cup self-raising flour, sifted. 100 g Plain biscuits, crushed
1/3 Cup caster sugar, 1 Tablespoon cocoa, 100g butter, melted.

TOPPING

395g can sweetened condensed milk, 1 1/2 cups desiccated coconut
100g glazed cherries, chopped, 150g cooking chocolate, 30g coph

Preheat oven to moderate, 180 degree cel.

Lightly grease and line a 20x30 slice pan with baking paper. In a large bowl, combine flour, biscuits, sugar and cocoa. Stir in butter, mixing well. Press mixture firmly into pan. Bake 15 minutes until lightly browned.

Topping In a medium bowl, combine condensed milk, coconut and cherries. Mix well and spread over cooked base. Bake a further 15 minutes. Allow to cool in pan.

In a small saucepan, combine chocolate and coph. Stir on a low heat until melted. Pour over cooled slice, tilting pan to evenly coat surface. Allow to set. Cut into required pieces to serve.

Ridgeland's Show

Lots of Attractions

- Horse & Cattle Events
- Poultry, Birds & Fish
- Goats Racing
- Pavilions
- Displays & Stalls
- Entertainment for the Children
- Fashion Parade

28th May 2011

Admission Adults: \$6.00

Pensioners: \$4.00

Primary School Children: Free

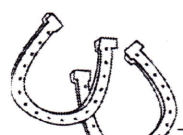


ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT PETER CURTIS – (07) 49341235

The committee would like to thank this months sponsors:

The Engine Centre Rockhampton

Danny McNamara
Ph 49 341473
Mob 0438 341 473
22 Sheehan Road, Alton Downs
Services all cars, 4WD, trucks and tractors





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 Association Dances

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 Ridglands State School P&C to hire chairs for functions. Ph 49 345518.

Reiki and Mediation

Usui System
Also new age
For more information
Phone 4934 1412

Celebrations

Birthdays

Tyrone Buckton 14th

Meetings

QCWA

Ridglands 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

Some Fun...

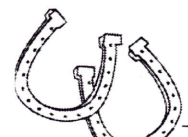
Mysteries of Life

- One of the mysteries of life is that a two kilo box of chocolates can make you gain five kilos
- Why do toaster always have a setting that burns the toast?

Jokes

Q:How much did it cost the pirate to get his ears pierced?

A: A buck-neer





Ridgeland's Campdraft & Cutting

Easter Weekend 22nd, 23rd & 24th April 2011

Ridgeland's Rodeo & Showgrounds

ACA & NCHA Affiliated

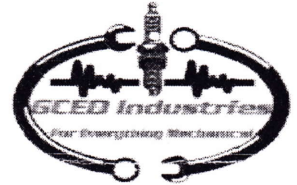
Canteen & Bar Operating All Weekend



Saturday Night Entertainment

NCHA Open & Open Non-Pro Cutting Under Lights

Multi-draw Raffle & DJ till late



Rocky Feed & Seed, Pryde's Easifeed & Total Eden – proud sponsors of the \$1000 Jackpot Painted Cattle Competition for the weekend.

Program of Events	
Campdraft Arena	Cutting (Rodeo) Arena
<u>Good Friday 22nd April 12 noon</u> Jacksonville Hat Company Open Draft	<u>Saturday 23rd April 7am</u> Rookies \$3 500 Novice Horse \$10 000 Non-Pro Snaffle Bit
<u>Saturday 23rd April Daylight Start</u> ENZED & GCEI Industries Maiden Draft Hopkins Encouragement Draft Hauert Chiropractic Restricted Draft	coateshire
<u>Sunday 24th April Daylight Start</u> Arnolds Advanced Tyres & Milne Bros Novice Draft Elders Ltd Juvenile Draft Newsome's Tyres & Fairways Motorcycles Junior Draft	<u>Saturday Night under lights</u> <u>Open</u> <u>Open Non-Pro</u>
Enquiries to Craig Ellrott 4934 5131	<u>Sunday 24th April 7am</u> \$5 000 Non-Pro Youth \$10 000 Novice Novice Non-Pro Enquiries to Regan Lyons 4934 5689
	ENZED

The Committee would like to thank our cattle donors for the weekend – **Bahnisch, Ellrott & Warnock Families and ALL** of our sponsors, big & small, without you we would not be able to hold this event.

