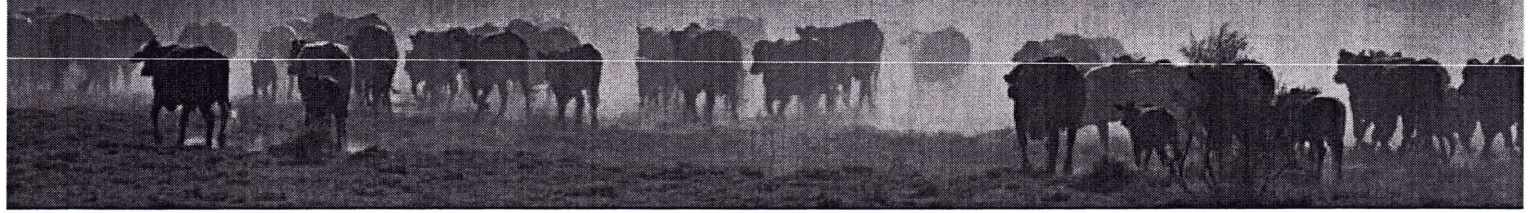


Around the Ridges

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.

The Show is coming - With this edition of Around the Ridges comes the realisation that our annual Ridgeland & District Sporting and Agricultural show is fast approaching on the 28th May. This year's show is shaping up to be even bigger and better than previous years with a lot more attractions and rides for all ages.

Several businesses have been invited to attend our show and bring along displays, adding more interest for our patrons. Our popular Ute Muster will be held again and if you are interested in old machinery, a horse driven chaff cutter will be on display. For the children, look out for more exciting show rides. There is something for everyone.

Front stage entertainment has been organised to run all day, with two fashion parades, Bush poetry, Baton Twirlers and the Ridgeland State School choir to name just some of the entertainment which will run well into the night. Make sure you come along for the whole day and stay. Catering will be by The Ridgeland State School. The food will be great and it's good to know that you're supporting our local school. There will also be some "Show food" available and of course, the ice-cream van.

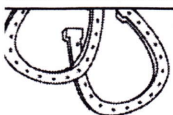
Some of this year's events have been altered slightly with the barrel racing commencing at 4.00 p.m. followed by the finals in the cutting section to be held under lights. In our Amateur photography section we have added a section for flood photo's due to the abnormal amount of rain we had in January. So please bring your photos along – you don't have to be professional, it is all a bit of fun and adds to the day. You never know you might win.

If you love cooking, craft, gardening etc there are numerous sections you can enter and it would be fantastic to see what all you clever people are doing out there. You never know, you might inspire others to try their hand at something new. For information and entry forms you can ring any of the following people for a program: - Julann Chippendale – 4934 5564; Leonie Thompson – 4934 5587; Diane Bull 4934 1192.

Our show is a fun filled family day where everyone can come along and enjoy themselves and catch up with old friends that they may not have seen for a while. Bring the kids, bring Grandma, bring your neighbour, it's a great day and you'll be pleased you did.

As one of the biggest community events of the year, we look forward to seeing you there and just KNOW you will have the best time.

THANK YOU TO THE RIDGELANDS SHOW COMMITTEE FOR SPONSORING THIS NEWSLETTER





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It has been just over 12 months since the "Craigilee" Homestead was burnt to the ground (17th March 2010) so I thought I would give you all an update as to where we at now and how it has been for us. We are now in our new home and it is almost complete. The main part of the house is a factory built home from Glendale in Caboolture. This came complete and fully fitted on 2 trucks and was then joined on site. It took 4 days for them to do the footings and join the 2 sections, quite amazing really. The verandas and decks we have been doing ourselves with the help of a builder. This has taken longer than planned but with all the rain etc. and Jeff doing his property work in between it is just a minor problem. The service deck, with a shower toilet and laundry, should be finished by Easter and that is about it.

Kitty and Skip Wren came out last Sunday and planted a garden for us, it is really wonderful, like on TV when they do garden make-over's. One minute there is nothing the next garden beds, shrubs, and a whole plan in place. We can never thank them enough, they are so amazing and always there for us. Sometimes it takes a tragedy to realise how many wonderful people there are who really care and are so supportive. They say it's when times are tough you find out who your true friends are and I think that's true. There have been some surprises, good and bad.

For the first 6 months I really did not cope well, it was so hard not to think about what had been lost and I was always close to tears if not actually in tears. That is when it was so good to get the phone calls from people who would just ring to say they were there and thinking of us and to hang in there it would all be OK. There is a saying I like that really helped me, "Things work out best for the people who make the best of the way things work out".

I would say Jeff was in shock for the first couple of months and then a gradual acceptance, if there is one thing that is different it is that he doesn't worry about things so much. We would like to invite everyone who came to the Bar-B -Q at Ridgeland's to support us to come to Craigilee and help us celebrate a new beginning, as our Thank-You to you all.

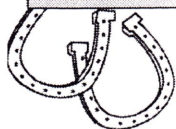
The date will be Saturday the 25th of June. from 5 pm. at Craigilee , food will be supplied but BYO drinks and a chair. Hope to see then. From Linda Edgar.

Recipe

SPANISH BAKED EGGS

1 tablespoon olive oil
4 small potatoes, thinly sliced
1 chorizo sausage, thinly sliced
2 garlic cloves, crushed
200g chicken fillet, sliced thinly
400g can diced tomatoes
1/3 cup chicken stock
2 teaspoons thyme leaves
6 eggs
Preheat oven to hot, 200°C. Lightly grease a shallow oven dish.
Heat oil in a large frying pan on high. Fry potatoes in a single layer for 3-4 minutes each side. Add sausage, continue cooking until potato is cooked. Set aside.

In same pan, sauté onion and garlic, until tender. Add chicken and cook until browned. Stir tomatoes, stock and half thyme through. Simmer 4-5 minutes.
Pour tomato mixture into baking dish. Top with potatoes and sausage. Using the back of a spoon, press 6 indents into mixture. Crack eggs one at a time and carefully slide into holes. Sprinkle with remaining thyme.
Bake 20-25 minutes, until eggs are set. Serve with a salad of your choice.





Ridgeland's Show

Auctioneer

Richard Thomson
Ph 49 271308 or
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PJ's Pet Barn
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Celebrant

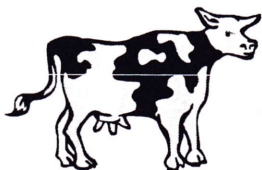
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Lots of Attractions

Horse and Cattle Events

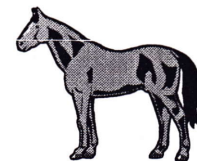
Poultry, Birds and Fish

Goats Racing

Pavilions

Displays and Stalls

Fashion parade



28th May 2011

Admission Adults: \$6, Pensioners \$4, Primary school children: Free

Contact Peter Curtis 49 34 12 35 for more information

Gardening Tip: the Barrow bungee: Store a large ockie strap to your wheelbarrow handles close to the barrow. You will find it handy to hold extra large loads in your barrow. Just throw it over the load and attach it to either side of the barrow. This makes your load safer and easier to move around. It can also be handy when you need to hold back branches when working around bushes. (from 'The Gardening Guru')

Our Neighbours 'I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbour. Do you know your next door neighbour?' Mother Teresa. Do you have the names and phone numbers of 10 of your neighbours especially new neighbours? In situations where we are trying to get messages out urgently e.g. Community meetings during last flood when we can't phone everyone. However, if we each could phone 10 more with the message then imagine how many locals we could inform in a short space of time!

Words to slip into your conversation ...

Thibble: a stick for stirring Porridge

Galimaufrey- meal of leftovers

Nudiustertian- is the day before yesterday

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia

– fear of long words

Jokes: Q: What's the fastest vegetable? **A :** A runner bean?

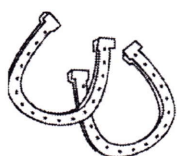
Q: Why did the banana go to the doctor? **A:** it wasn't peeling well!

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CHANGE

Please note our new email address aroundtheridges@hotmail.com

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea fund raiser for Cancer.

This year the Ridgeland's school will again hold a fundraiser morning tea.

It is on Thursday 26th May 2011. It will be held in the staff room at 11am. Gold Coin donation and bring a plate to assist. We will hold a raffle as part of the morning tea. Please come and support the school and Queensland cancer Council.

Q: Why is an old car like a baby?

A: because it is seldom without a rattle!

May In history:

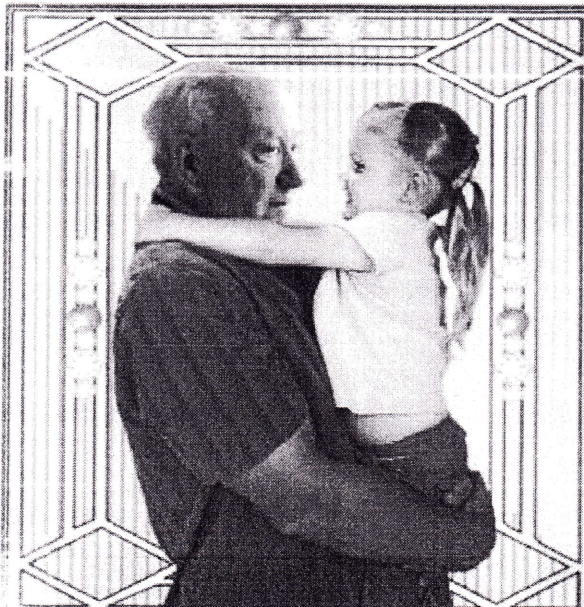
- 1927 Napoleon Bonaparte is proclaimed Emperor of France
- 1928 The Earth passes through the tail of Comet Halley.
- 1980 Mount St. Helens volcano erupts in Washington

- 1929 Joan of Arc is captured by the forces of the Duke of Burgundy.
- 1930 The poem Mary had a little lamb is first published.
- 1931 The first electric telegram is sent by Samuel F. B. Morse
- 1932 Charles Lindbergh completes the first solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean.
- 1933 Amelia Erhart becomes the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

- 1908 The Wright Brothers patent their aircraft.

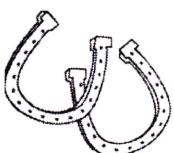
- 1960 The strongest earthquake ever recorded (9.5) hits Chile

Grandparents.. priceless!!!



A little girl ran to her Grandfather, jumped into his arms and gave him a great big hug. Then she ran her fingers along his balding head and down the side of his wrinkled face. "Did God make you Grandad?" she asked. "Yes honey, he made me." She felt her own cheek and then asked "Did God make me too?" "Yes honey he made you too." "Well" she shrugged "Don't you think he's doing a better job now than he used to?"

Sandi V
www.wackywits.com



COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	COST	ADDRESS	ORGANISER	CONTACT
Contemporary Painting & Photography Exhibition	Until 29/05/11	10 – 4 Tue – Fri 11 – 4 Sat & Sun	Free	Rockhampton Art Gallery	Rockhampton Art Gallery	4936 8248
Australian Painters Photographed – An exhibition by R Ian Lloyd Productions	Until 19/06/11	10 – 4 Tue – Fri 11 – 4 Sat & Sun	Free	Rockhampton Art Gallery	Rockhampton Art Gallery	4936 8248
Rockhampton Art Gallery's School Holidays Kids' Corner	17-22/04/11 (Except Mondays)	11am -4pm	Free	Rockhampton Art Gallery Foyer	Rockhampton Art Gallery	4936 8248
Rockhampton Art Gallery's Children's Art Studio	16/04/11 21/05/11 18/06/11	1 30 – 3 pm	\$5.00 includes materials	Rockhampton Art Gallery	Rockhampton Art Gallery	4936 8248
Chryslers Cruizin Rockhampton	Easter Long Weekend		Drag Racing \$10/p Show & Shine \$5/p	Dreamtime Lodge	Warren or Rachel Azzopardi	0458 436466
Morning Melodies – The Look of Love	18/04/11	11am	\$17, Concessions available	Pilbeam Theatre	Pilbeam Theatre	4927 4111
Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow	27/04/11	7.30pm	\$34.90 Concessions available	Pilbeam Theatre	Pilbeam Theatre	4927 4111
Twilight Movie – Babe	06/05/11	7pm	Free	Bell Park, Emu Park		1300 225577
Class Clowns 2011	27/04/11	4-5.30pm	Free	Walter Reid Cultural Centre	Arts & Heritage Services	4936 8344
Joe Nichols – The Shape I'm In Concert	01/05/11	7.30pm	\$99 some concessions available	Pilbeam Theatre	Pilbeam Theatre	4927 4111
Archer Park Rail Museum Carriage Shade Capers Day	01/05/11	9 am	Gold Coin Donation per person	Archer Park Rail Museum	Archer Park Rail Museum	4936 8191
Rockhampton Heritage Village Mothers Day Markets	08/05/11	8 am	\$2 Children under 14 Free	Rockhampton Heritage Village	Rockhampton Heritage Village	4936 8688
Archer Park Rail Museum School Holiday Program	18/04/11	10am	\$7.70 / adult \$4.50 / child	Archer Park Rail Museum	Archer Park Rail Museum	4936 8191
Hollywood Classics – Von Ryans Express	19/04/11	10 am	\$5.00 includes morning tea	Walter Reid Centre Auditorium	Walter Reid Centre Auditorium	4936 8248

PLANNED ROADWORKS RURAL WEST AREA

Work Location	Work Description	Start Date	Expected Completion Date
Alton Downs Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting and flood repairs	Mid May 2011	Late June 2011
Dalma Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting and flood repairs	Mid March 2011	Late May 2011
Malchi-Nine Mile Road	Culvert Installation	Early May 2011	Early July 2011
Nine Mile Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting and flood repairs	Early April 2011	Early May 2011
Pink Lily Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting and flood repairs	Mid May 2011	Late June 2011
Ridgeland Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting and flood repairs	Mid March 2011	Late May 2011
Stanwell-Waroula Road	Upgrade gravel road	Late May 2011	Early June 2011
Moses Road 2km	Gravel resheeting	Late May 2011	Late June 2011

SLASHING

Morinish Road, Glenroy Rd and from there to the Garnant area school bus routes



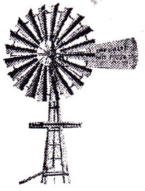
If you are an artist or a member of an art or community group, you should consider applying for a grant from the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

The funding for this round is for arts projects commencing on or after 1 August 2011 and people with innovative and creative arts projects are encouraged to apply.

The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership program between Rockhampton Regional Council and Queensland Government, Arts Queensland. Applications for the RADF close on Tuesday 3 May 2011. For further information, please contact Council on 4936 8561 or email dl-RADF@rrc.qld.gov.au. Details also available at www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au



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What's happening this month?

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

Ridgeland's & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc

Next meeting 11th May Steward & Gate Keeper meeting **7th May**.

The Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers meeting

To be held **May 9th** at Ridgeland's Hall- 7:30 pm. **Mayor Brad Carter** will be attending. All welcome. Contact John Ellrott for more information.

Celebrations

Birthdays

Margaret Stewart
Vic Edmestone
Sharon McQuillan
Maurie McQuillan

Events

Indoor Bowls

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

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CANCER BIGGEST MORNING TEA

11am on Thurs 26th May at the school - 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/ novelty prizes to be won, supper available. Please call Joyce Chippendale on 49 34 5120 or Tom Hoare on 49 341493.

Camp Quality Monthly Markets & Car Boot Sale

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

Community Notices

Alton Downs Hall Committee

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

Chair Hire

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

Correction

Our apologies for the spelling error in the advertisement below. It should read Reiki and Meditation.

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