

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.

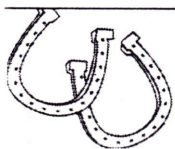
Alton Downs Anzac Day 2011

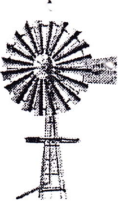
The planning for Anzac Day began early. Many of the usual helpers took advantage of the Easter long weekend and were unfortunately away. Because of this, the committee wondered how many people would attend the service. Diane Bull, who was heading off for the long weekend, still organised the cooking roster for the free gunfire breakfast. We did not have a bugler this year, so recording was organised of the Reveille and Last Post as well as a recording of the hymn music. Hugh Chippendale was going to be the MC for the day but unfortunately he severely injured his hand (this is another story) and Craig Reid stepped in. The memorial was tidied up and on the day before Anzac Day the tables were set up in the Hall by Joyce Chippendale and her team for breakfast. The service got underway, with volunteers stepping in to assist in the kitchen to heat and service the food. The committee was thrilled to have more than 196 people turn up to our service. Many locals brought their visitors to the service. The guest speaker was Sgt Mitchell Nielsen and he and his family who stayed and enjoyed the fellowship after the service. Reverend Barrie Harvey again addressed the crowd and I read the requiem. The Catafalque party was again provided by 227 Squadron Australian Air cadets who were a credit to their squadron. The Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club provided a bottle of rum for those who drink the traditional rum and milk. To assist with costs, donation tins were left out and the committee was grateful to receive a donation from the Ridgeland CWA of \$50. Also a raffle was won by Councillor Cherie Rutherford. Thank you to all who attended the service and who supported the service this year. Jill Fry

Rockhampton Regional Community Plan Meeting

Alton Downs Saturday 7th May 2011 at 10am.

Folks you may not have been aware that on 7 May a meeting was held at the Alton Downs Hall. Now Council said they did advertise this meeting. However as I am always interested in this sort of thing I did notice a sentence in Tuesday's paper saying that the meeting was to be held at the Hall but did not give a time. I expected that it would have been in the afternoon and did not expect to attend as I had other commitments.





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On Friday I received a call from Council asking me to come along at 10am. A total of 5 community members, all who had been phoned by council, were there. Five Council officers along with Councillors Cherie Rutherford and Graham Brady. Council Brady helpfully mentioned that it was advertised in the paper today (Saturday). I suggested that if a person had driven to town to get the paper they were unlikely to read it and immediately return to Alton Downs to attend by 10am. A resident suggested that they should have advertised in Around the Ridges, something that I had already brought up privately with Councillor Rutherford. The issues discussed were pretty much the same as previously discussed in the Social Plan in March 2010 which was well attended. I hope that, should they hold another such meeting, the promotion is more effectively targeted and that we have more structured topics. I guess that if more people attend then the greater input will make it seem more worthwhile. Should you be interested please go to the website beheard.rrc.qld.gov.au

One thing that Cherie did advise is that the Laurel Bank and Ridgeland's **Refuse transfer bins** are going to go. (With the state of them that is not a surprise) Council will do a mail out to the community to ask where we would like the one manned refuse station we will have. She seemed keen on Laurel Bank. Please take the time to respond to this mail out, when it comes, so all views are heard. Otherwise Council will have no choice but to make a decision which may not please the community. Jill Fry

Around the Ridges and a Bit Beyond Community Business Directory is being prepared now please advise if you want your business included!

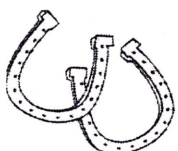
Mornish Landcare Group hosts David Mason Jones

The **Mornish Landcare Group** invites you to hear Journalist **David Mason Jones** speak at the Rockhampton Leagues Club on June 15 commencing at 9am.

This is an opportunity to hear from a renowned journalist and writer. Through his work, David has researched the matter of soil carbon sequestration on farms. He has visited farms where carbon farming is being developed and has a good working relationship with many of the leaders who are developing the techniques to do it. He has written articles on the subject and a book that advocates the role that farm animals, correctly grazed, can play in drawing down carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storing it, as carbon, in the soil profile. **RSVP is necessary for catering purposes** - Jeff Mills 07 4937 3555 or Catriona Pearce 07 4937 3597

Did you know?

Pink Lily had at least three big piggeries which supplied pork to the soldiers during the second World War.





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Recipe for the week

On Monday wash your heart and rinse your cares away.
On Tuesday iron your harsh thoughts till they are smooth and gay.
On Wednesday dust tired thoughts and polish up your smiles.
On Thursdays sort our kindly deeds and place them in neat piles.
On Friday thinks of your friends and pleasant things to do.
On Saturday clear up your cares and mend up moods of blue
On Sunday look around and see what you have done
And pray the week has been well spent and another well began.

Blast from the Past

The following paragraphs are taken from the Dragon Times – a newsletter developed by Ridgeland State School 2/3/4 in 1992.....

Eaten by Dragons by Jason Rosenberg- At 5:00 yesterday on the bus a boy was eaten by a dragon. His name was Ben Crew. Mr Foxwell got on the portable phone to ring the Police. The Dragon was taken to jail.

Dragon Discovered by Ben Crew - At 12:00pm yesterday a dragon was found by millionaire Guy Schwarz. He received one million dollars for finding the first dragon ever and sold him for one billion dollars. The dragon's name is Ben Crew and the man who bought it was Adam Bull.

Alton Downs Polocrosse Carnival
17th, 18th & 19th June 2011

Friday Night @ The Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club
Friday 17th June 2011

- Bar Open from 6pm
- Burgers from 7pm
- Footy on the Big Screen



- Jokers Wild - Jackpot now over \$1000!!

Alton Downs Polocrosse Carnival
18th and 19th June 2011

Saturday starts @ 9am

A Grade, B Grade, C Grade, D Grade, Juniors and Masters competition kicks off for the wee carnival will see players travelling from Far North QLD through to the South East to Alton

SATURDAY NIGHT from 6pm

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- Hot 2 Course Meal - \$13

Sunday starts @ 8am

Finals will be played from 11am through to approx 3pm.

BAR AND CANTEN WILL BE OPERATING ALL WEEKEND

COME ALONG AND SEE SOME REAL POLOCROSSE ACTION!!



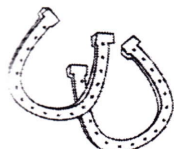
The Engine Centre Rockhampton

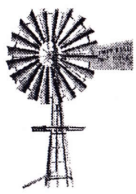
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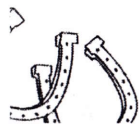
News from the Rockhampton Regional Council

Community Events

Event	Date	Time	Cost	Address	Contact
String Serenade	03 June 2011	8.00 pm	\$27.50 (Concessions available)	Walter Reid Cultural Centre	Dial n Charge 4927 4111
Twilight Movie – Underdog	03 June 2011	7.00 pm	Free	Riverside Park, Rockhampton	1300 225577
Disco Nights (Abba & Bee Gees tribute)	04 June 2011	8.00 pm	\$45 / adult (Concessions available)	Pilbeam Theatre	4927 4111
Electronic Vibes Music Festival	04 June 2011	10.00 am	\$108.50 / adult	Rockhampton Music Bowl	4927 4111
Bush Poetry & Song	07 June 2011	6.00 pm	\$5.00 entry	Archer Park Rail Museum	4936 8191
Rocky River Run	12 June 2011	Various	See www.rockyriverrun.com for registration	Sir Raymond Huish Drive	www.rockyriverrun.com
Soweto Gospel Choir	12 June 2011	7.30 pm	\$79.00 (Concessions available)	Pilbeam Theatre	4927 4111
Band Business Workshop	18 June 2011	Midday – 2pm	Free	Walter Reid Cultural Centre	49 27 4111
High School Musical on Stage	17 June 2011 18 June 2011	7.00 pm	\$25 (Concessions available)	Pilbeam Theatre	4927 4111
Class Clowns Workshop	18 June 2011	9.30 am	Free	Walter Reid Cultural Centre Auditorium	1300 225577
Michael Jackson Tribute	19 June 2011	8.00 pm	\$69.00 / adult (Concessions available)	Pilbeam Theatre	4927 4111
My Grandmother Lived in Gooligulch	20 June 2011 21 June 2011	6.30 pm 9.30 & 11.30am	\$17.90 / evening \$12.90 / daytime \$9.30 / students group	Pilbeam Theatre	4927 4111
Hollywood Classics	21 June 2011	10.00 am	\$5.00 includes morning tea	Walter Reid Cultural Centre Auditorium	4936 8248
Kitty Flanagan	26 June 2011	8.00 pm	\$34.90 / adult (Concessions available)	Pilbeam Theatre	4927 4111
Morning Melodies – Barry Crocker's Banjo	27 June 2011	11.00 am	\$17.00 / adult Concessions available	Pilbeam Theatre	4927 4111
Archer Park Rail Museum School Holiday Program	27 June 2011	10.00 am	\$7.70 / adult \$5.40 / child	Archer Park Rail Museum	4938 8191

Planned Roadworks

Work Location	Work Description	Start Date	Expected Completion Date
Alton Downs Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Mid May	Early August
Dalma Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Mid March	Late May
Limestone Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Mid April	Mid May
Moses Road 2.4km	Gravel resheeting	Late May	Late June
Pink Lily Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Mid May	Early August
Stanwell-Waroula Road	Upgrade gravel road	Late May	Early June





What's happening this month?

Meetings

QCWA

Ridgelands 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

Ridgelands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc

Next meeting 13th July 2011, Ridgelands Showgrounds, 7:30pm

Wanted to Rent

We are a fully employed couple with horses who need to find a home to rent on an acreage/ property handy to Rocky. We have good rental references and are currently renting a place at Alton Downs. We love this area, we'd like to find something else here and have been trying very hard to without success. Please contact Trudy Heilbronn on 0409 055 402

Celebrations

Birthdays

Ken Stewart - 9th
Merle Smith - 12th
Adam Bull - 27th
Philip O'Neill - 23rd
Kay Milner - 22nd
Maruice McQuillan

Happy Birthday Cameron Milner, who celebrated his 18th birthday on 16 May.

For Sale

2007 Husquvarna, TE510 Dirt Bike, excellent condition, only done 1,638km. \$6,750 O.N.O phone 0427 548 381

Community Notices

Alton Downs Hall

Committee

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

Chair Hire

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

Events

Indoor Bowls

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

Alton Down Hall Association Dances

18th June, Two Can,
30th July, Man in Black
20th August, Two Can,
17th Sep, Two Can,
29th Oct, Man in Black,
19th Nov, 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

Work Wanted

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WORK CONTACT
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Warren & Lyn Lawrence

