

Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond



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Around the Ridges and a bit beyond is a community and school newsletter.

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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.

DON'T WELCOME BUSH FIRE INTO YOUR HOME

Following the most welcomed rains we had in December/January we are now looking at an abundance of grass which poses as a fire threat during the dry winter. Bushfire is a natural occurrence, and one of nature's most devastating forces. While most full-time farmers are properly prepared against bushfire, people living in semi-rural areas may not be.

Fires generate more than just smoke. They generate embers, ash, burning debris and cinders that can be blown ahead of the fire front. Research shows that burning embers and sparks are the most frequent cause of buildings catching fire. Unless you have undertaken preparations well ahead of the bushfire season, and have the right equipment, your ability to protect your property is greatly reduced.

DON'T LET BUSHFIRES CATCH YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY BY SURPRISE.

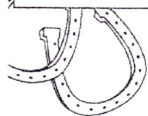
Reduce the fuel around your home, i.e. branches, sticks, twigs, leaves, bark, grass etc. Make your own plan for bushfire survival. The decision to stay and defend your home or evacuate depends on whether adequate preparations have been made.

When a bushfire is in your locality and if a fire threatens: -

1. Ring 000- Don't assume that someone else has notified the fire services.
2. Fill knapsacks and all buckets, hand basins and the bath with water.
3. Close all windows and doors.
4. Wet towels and block gaps between doors and floor.
5. Remain calm and co-operate with fire officers.

PRE-SUMMER CHECK

- Check fire fighting equipment is working and in a suitable location.
- Clear fences of rubbish and undergrowth
- Check that all screens are in good condition.
- Ensure roof is in good condition and gutters are clear of leaves
- Check that the under floor area is fully protected.
- Carry out pre-season hazard reduction burn offs.



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Ph 49 224882**PERMITS TO LIGHT A FIRE**

A permit to light a fire is required at all times for a fire that is going to be bigger than two metres in any direction. Permits are free and are available from your local fire warden:-

Alton Downs Sid Hoare – 4934 1147	Calioran – Robert Smith 4934 5145
Dalma - Eric Adams 4934 5940	Morinish – Steven Farmer 4934 7522
Faraday - Rob Chippendale 4934 5564	Garnant Nigel Chippendale 4934 5125
Pink Lilly - Sid Hoare 4934 1147	

Penalties apply to persons committing breaches of the Fire and Rescue Service Act. For information visit Rural Fire Queensland's website: www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au Some of the above information has been taken from this website.

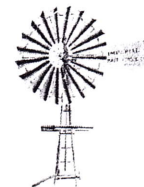
PLANNED ROADWORKS – RURAL WEST AREA

WORK LOCATION	WORK DESCRIPTION	START DATE	EXPECTED COMPLETION
Alton Downs Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting/ flood repairs	Mid June 2011	Late August 2011
Limestone Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting / flood repairs	Late May 2011	Late June 2011
Malchi-Nine Mile Road	Culvert Installation	Mid May 2011	Late June 2011
Moses Road 2km	Gravel resheeting	Late May 2011	Late June 2011
Pink Lily Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting / flood repairs	Mid June 2011	Late August 2011
Stanwell-Waroula Road	Upgrade gravel road / resheet	Late May 2011	Late June 2011

Ridgeland's Show News

Ridgeland's & District Sporting & Agricultural Assn. Inc. would like to thank all their patrons, competitors and volunteers for their participation in the 2011 agricultural show. Without your support we would have been unable to hold such a successful show as we did. Everyone will agree it was a beautiful day with lots of fun and laughter being had by all who attended. Our attendance was approximately 2000. There were many highlights of the day with the fashion parade by Soaked Swimwear certainly holding the attention of many. Soaked Swimwear have promised to come back again next year.





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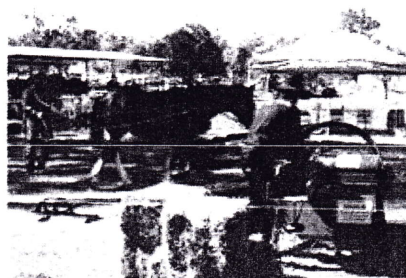
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A Great Day out – the 2011 Ridgелands Show



Picture perfect conditions greeted participants at the recent Ridgелands Show on Saturday 28 May. The grounds were immaculate, the exhibitor range was varied and the burgers in the canteen hit the spot for hungry revellers. Congratulations must go to the organising committee for creating one of the finest agricultural shows on offer in the region. A highlight of the Show was the working demonstration of the carefully restored horse draw chaff cutter. This represented an impressive amount of community spirit, energy and determination to showcase a common sight in the region years ago. As a member of the community it was great to listen to old-timers reminisce in the crowd watching the action on Saturday. If you missed out on the Ridgелands Show this year, plan on attending in 2012 as one of the feature events in the district, this is the event to support and ensure the show goes from strength to strength in years to come.

Ridgелands Halls News

The President and members of the Ridgелands Hall Committee would like to thank the Ridgелands Rodeo Committee for the opportunity to cater at their Annual Campdraft held in May. This is a major boost to the financial viability of the Hall. Thanks to the non-committee members for their assistance during the weekend. This is greatly appreciated and eases the load on our few dedicated members. We also wish to thank the public for their support and offer an apology for any inconvenience caused by the malfunction of equipment of the hired equipment we were using. Rob Chippendale (President)

2011 Betascapes Spring Garden Spectacular!

There's plenty of time to enter your garden with nominations to close at 4pm on Wednesday 31 August 2011. Nomination forms can be placed in entry boxes at Council's Customer Service Centres or posted to Rockhampton Regional Council, PO Box 1860 Rockhampton, Qld, 4700. Judging will take place between 5 and 9 September 2011 with winners announced on Saturday 10 September 2011. Winners will be required to open their gardens between the hours of 8am and 3pm on Sunday 18 September for viewing by residents who wish to visit. Nomination forms will soon be available from Rockhampton Regional Council Customer Service Centres, on Council's website and from selected nurseries and category sponsors. Time to prune and tidy and plant to show RCC what we can do!





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Recipe – Beef and Beer Pie

2 tablespoons olive oil	1 ½ cups beef stock
800g beef chuck steak, cubed	375ml bottle lager beer
¼ cup plain flour, seasoned	1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauces
2 onion, diced	1 sheet frozen puff pastry
2 carrots, diced	1 egg, lightly beaten
2 tablespoons tomato paste	2 teaspoons sesame seeds

Heat half oil in a large saucepan. Dust beef in flour. Cook for 4-5 minutes until well browned. Transfer to plate and set aside.

Heat remaining oil in same pan. Sauté onions and carrots 4-5 minutes.

Return beef to pan with tomato paste, stirring for 1 minute. Add stock, beer and sauce. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, partially covered, 1 ½ hours, until beef is tender. Stir occasionally.

Meanwhile, preheat oven to hot, 200°. Spoon beef mixture evenly between 4 x 1 ½ cup ovenproof dishes. Cut pastry large enough to cover. Place over filling and brush with egg. Sprinkle with sesame seeds.

Bake 20-25 minutes, until puffed and golden brown.

The Engine Centre Rockhampton

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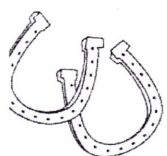
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Blast from the Past - School days in the 1950's

I left for school on a pushbike about 9am to go the Alton Downs State School after helping with the milking. The games we played in the school yard were rounders,, touch football, tennis and marbles. In the last two years of school we went to swimming lessons once a week. Lunch mainly consisted of vegemite sandwiches and fruit or on special occasions, cold meat sandwiches. One of the things we studied was Geography, and we had to know the major towns and river systems in Australia. We also did a school play each year. School finished at 3.30 and I rode home to help milk. Feed the chooks, pigs and calves. I did my homework at night with a kerosene light and later on with 32 volt battery power.

Alex Reid





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

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 49 345120

Chair Hire

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

Events

Beginner square dance classes -Each Friday, commencing 15 July at 7pm. Rockhampton Square Dance Hall, Fitzroy Street, Rockhampton. (Opposite the Ambulance). First 2 classes free. Contact Michael on 49286626 or 0408703910

Indoor Bowls

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

Alton Down Hall Association Dances

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.

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

Celebrations

Birthdays

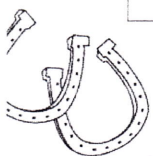
Georgia Bull – 13th
Belinda O'Neill – 29th

Work Wanted

Looking for someone for day mustering/ stock work. Contact Warren Lawrence (Home) 4934 1451 (Mobile) 0427 889 259

Help Wanted

We are looking for helpers for the upcoming The Ridgeland State School Country Fair on the 20th August. If you could spare a couple of hours please call the Ridgelands School on 49 345518.



Ridgeland State School Country Fair

At the School 20th of August 2011 Starting at 1pm

Food Available

Craft & Cake Stall

Multi-Draw

Karaoke 'Til Late

Frog Hop

Garden Raffle



Entertainment

Plant Stall



Bar Available

Rides

Face Painting

Fashion Parade

Everyone is Welcome!

Pre-paid Wristbands for the Rides now available from the School Office

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event	Venue	Date	Time	Cost	Enquiries
Archer Park School Holiday Program	Archer Park Rail Museum	27/06/2011	10.00am-1.00 pm	\$7.70 adult \$5.60 concession \$4.50 child \$20.00 family (2A3C)	4936 8191
Heritage Village Markets	Rockhampton Heritage Village	10/07/2011	8.00am	\$2.00 Children under 14 free	4936 8688
Rainbows End – Starring Christine Anu, Lillian Crombie & Chenoa Deemal	Pilbeam Theatre	16/07/2011	7.30pm	\$45.00 adults Concessions available	4927 4111
Bell Park Markets	Bell Park, Emu Park	17/07/2011	8.00am – 12 noon	Free	4939 2553 0413 586 578
Bike 4 Life	Starting point CQ University	31/07/2011	5.00am – 12 noon	Dependant on Course	4936 8022 Sophia Czarkowski
Hollywood Classics – My Darling Clementine	Walter Reid Cultural Centre Auditorium	21/06/2011	10.00am morning tea 10.30am movie	\$5.00 including morning tea	4936 8248 Jenny Jones
Carriage Shade Caper Days	Archer Park Rail Museum	28/08/2011	9.00am	Gold coin per person	4936 8191
Ben 10 Time Machine	Pilbeam Theatre	06/07/2011	10.00am	\$26.90 all tickets	4927 4111
Kitty Flanagan Standup Comedian	Pilbeam Theatre	26/06/2011	8.00pm	\$34.90 adult Concessions available	4927 4111
QSO's Healing Harmonies Flood Relief Concert	Pilbeam Theatre	01/07/2011	7.00pm	\$45.00 adult Concessions available	4927 4111
Twilight Movie – A Bugs Life	Big Dam, Mt Morgan	01/07/2011	7.00pm	Free Refreshments of sale	4927 4111
Echoes of Edinburgh – featuring Qld Police Pipes and Drums Band, Scotia Highland Dancers and Billy Raymond	Pilbeam Theatre	12/07/2011	11.00am	\$17.00 adults Concessions available	4927 4111
Get Back – Lennon McCartney Songbook	Pilbeam Theatre	12/08/2011	7.30pm	\$39.00 adult Concessions available	4928 4111
Solutions Focussed Parenting Lecture – Dr Ben Furman	Pilbeam Theatre	30/06/2011	6.30pm – 9.00pm	Free	4930 2400
Heritage Village School Holiday Program	Rockhampton Heritage Village	28,29,30/06/2011 5,6,7/07/2011	10.00am-12 noon	\$7.00 child 1 adult per family free \$4.80 additional adult	4936 8683
Twilight Movie – Toy Story 3	Main Beach Yeppoon	08/07/2011	7.00pm	Free Refreshments on Sale	4927 4111
Rockhampton Grammar School's Musical Production – Fame	Pilbeam Theatre	05- 6/08/2011 07/08/2011	7.30pm 2.00pm	\$24.00 adult Concessions available	4927 4111
Busby Marou	Pilbeam Theatre	10/07/2011	7.30pm	\$20 adult \$25 at the door on the night	4927 4111
Rockhampton Little Theatre's – Arthur	Walter Reid Cultural Centre	8,9,10,15, 16/07/2011	7.30pm	\$22.00 Adults \$18.00 Concession	0413 340 761 Lyn Morgan

Mix it up @ the Library - June/July school holiday activities

MR POPPER'S PENGUINS COLOURING COMPETITION

WHAT: Pick up an entry form and colour your way to win a family movie pass to see *Mr Popper's Penguins*. Meet up with friends and colour at the Library on Saturday 25 June at 10am. Crayons and pencils will be supplied for this activity.

WHEN: June- 1 July

Entries close 1 July

WHERE: All Rockhampton Regional Libraries

AGES: 13 years and under

COST: Free

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ZAC POWER?

WHAT: Zac is on a special Spy Mission. Your task each week is to discover his destination by completing the clue sheets at the Library. It's easy, and you can go in the lucky draw to win great prizes!

WHEN: 25 June – 8 July

WHERE: Rockhampton Regional Library
230 Bolsover Street
Rockhampton

AGES: 13 years and under

ENQUIRIES: 49368265

COST: Free

LIVELY GAMING @ THE LIBRARY

WHAT: Check out how good you are at gaming with a special comp at the Library. Smash, crush and pulp your virtual opponent with *Super Smash Bros Brawl-Tournament* or *New Super Mario Bros. – Coin Battle*. Great prizes to be won.

WHEN: Tuesday 28 June, 2pm

Tuesday 5 July, 2pm

WHERE: Rockhampton Regional Library
230 Bolsover Street
Rockhampton

AGES: Young adult

BOOKINGS: 49368044 or 49368265

COST: Free

LIVELY CaRtoONinG @ THE LIBRARY

WHAT: The popular cartooning series is back again at the Rockhampton Regional Library each Thursday afternoon in July from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Young adults are invited to bring a pen, pencils and paper- and creative energies to draw!

WHEN: Thursday 7 July, 3.30pm- 4.30pm

WHERE: Rockhampton Regional Library
230 Bolsover Street
Rockhampton

AGES: Young adults

BOOKINGS: 49368044 or 49368265

COST: Free

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS

WHAT: Pick up your entry form in the annual Children's Book Week competitions and get creative! Write and illustrate a children's picture book; produce a short book trailer; or create a readers' theatre interpretation of an Australian picture book.

WHEN: Entries close Monday 8 August 2011

WHERE: Rockhampton Regional Libraries

AGES: All ages

COST: Free.

Open to all members of the Rockhampton Regional Libraries.

@ YOUR LIBRARY

WHAT: Your local library has a terrific range of resources, services and spaces to use over the school holidays- and throughout the year! Drop in and borrow a DVD, audiobook, book or magazine with the whole family.

WHEN: Check out the Council website and online library catalogue portal for details of libraries' opening times.

WHERE: Rockhampton Regional Libraries

AGES: All ages

COST: Library membership is free for residents and ratepayers of the Rockhampton Regional Council. Just bring proof of a residential address to join.

ENQUIRIES: 49368044.