

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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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 Alton Downs Hall- 106 years young

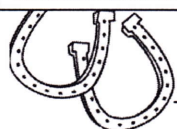
The sturdy wooden hall perched at the edge of the Ridgeland Road has served the district well over the past 106 years, and is a common sight for many local people as they commute to Rockhampton.

Delve a little into the history of the Alton Downs Hall and you discover a long and proud tradition of community celebrations and events including a who's who of many families who still reside in the area.

The opening of the Alton Downs Hall on the 4 January 1905 was celebrated with sports events, a cricket match, concert, and dancing until 'nearly daylight' according to reports in *The Morning Bulletin*. Mr G. Sanderson, the Chairman of the Fitzroy Shire Council officially opened the hall at 8pm and called it the Alton Downs Public Hall and Agricultural Institute. There were over 500 people in attendance with the hall bursting to capacity and the audience spilling outside the building. He envisaged that the hall would be serviceable for many purposes including a meeting place, and function as a strong educational influence for the district. The newspaper article also reported that the dimensions of the hall were 52ft x 24ft; with a stage (plus two dressing rooms) measuring 17ft x 24ft; and substantial 12ft high walls.

Sports events held on the old polo ground between 'the two creeks, and mile and a half from the hall' on the day featured a variety of foot races for all ages, tent pegging, and tug-o-war. The tug-o-war event between 'married' and 'single men' in the area resulted in the married men proving victorious by 'two pulls to one'.

The Alton Downs Eleven captained by Mr J. Walker were beaten by the Rockhampton Leichhardt C Team by an innings and 41 runs. Mrs Knickel dispensed tea, coffee and buns at a 'moderate price' during the sports day, with Mrs Klapproth also operating a food booth offering 'every description of soft drinks' to the public. The Alton Downs Hall Committee proved indefatigable in ensuring that the day was a pleasant one for everyone.





Auctioneer
Richard Thomson
Ph 49 271308 or
0438345928

Since then events over the years such as a Christmas parties for the children of the district; mock weddings; old time dances; and Anzac Day dawn services have drawn the community together to celebrate.

Pet Shop Supplies
Pets
PJ's Pet Barn
Nth Rockhampton
Ph 49 280299

The Alton Downs Hall Association committee still gathers together and meets in the hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. The committee is keen to welcome new members to ensure that the venue is still a vibrant accessible community space for many years to come.

Source: *The Morning Bulletin* 4/1/1905 p. 6

Think Water
Rockhampton
Peter Hunt
Ph 49 27 5700

Red Cross Referral for Active Intervention (RAI)

The RAI program is funded by the Department of Communities and is operated by Red Cross. The case workers assist families with children from unborn to 18 years. *It is a free and confidential service.* The aim of the program is to help families by helping parents and the children. We recognise that some families find it difficult to provide a safe and nurturing environment in which children can thrive and have a solid foundation for success.

Veterinary
Capricorn Vet Surgery
Rockhampton
Ph 49 273688

It is not just for families in crisis situations. Families can ask for assistance to manage behavioural problems or for specific issues such as managing health or grief problems. For young children and their families, RAI offers assistance so they have every opportunity to succeed. Firstly, case workers seek to understand the family situation, then the case workers help them implement ways to overcome their more immediate challenges and build up their resilience for the future. In implementing these solutions, the case workers work with the existing strengths of the children and their families. RAI services give parents and children the individual support they need to assist the entire family back on their feet.

Tanks
SW Kele— Precast
concrete grids etc.
Ph 49 274505

The Case Managers work with families for 6 month periods visiting the home or elsewhere at a time to suit the family either when the children are there or when they are at school or playgroup. Red Cross works with families for six months with issues such as setting routines, behavioural problems, bonding and attachment, childhood development, and connecting with their community and other service supports in our council area. Benefits include:

Celebrant
Marriage and Civil
Jill C Fry, JP Qual
Ph 49 341444

- Improve parenting skills
- Assistance around budgeting skills
- Develop coping skills for dealing with difficult family issues or crisis
- Encourage children to attend and do their best at childcare and school
- Better manage household duties, such as cooking and cleaning
- Improve self esteem and feel more confident as a parent or care-giver
- Improve the relationships within your family
- Access health and welfare services, including doctors, counsellors, drug and alcohol services, sexual health services and child health specialists

Earth Moving
Truck, Bobcat Hire
Geoff Estreich
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Ph 49 221195 or
0407756046





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<p>Gifts Australian Country Living Ph 49 280088</p>
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<p>Hay & Fodder Delrosa Ph 49 341135 or 0418155819</p>
<p>Water Services Bell's Water Supplies Drinking and Stock Ph 49 331752</p>
<p>Electrician Possum Power Ian Nicholas Ph 49345116</p>
<p>Batteries Battery World Rockhampton Ph 49 229022</p>

As the program is voluntary you do not have to participate if you choose not to. If you would like to know more or you would like to participate in the program, please phone Australian Red Cross on 4922 2119 and they will arrange a suitable time and place to meet. You do not need to go to Red Cross. The case workers can come and meet you at a location that is suitable for you and your family.

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- **PLANNED ROADWORKS** - Timber bridge replacement on Calmorin Road – August – September 2011-07-15
 - **ROADSIDE SLASHING** - Alton Downs area including Ridglands Road until early August 2011
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Gardening tips: Fertilising natives

native plants that belong to the Proteaceae family including grevilleas, banksias and hakeas can be sensitive to the phosphorus found in most fertilisers. Specially formulated native plant fertilisers often recommended for these species but can be expensive to buy. I have found that most lawn fertilisers are low in phosphorus and relatively inexpensive: they offer the perfect low cost solution for feeding phosphorus intolerant native plants. Locally, for my bottle brushes I use pelletised organic (chook) manure from the produce store. I scatter a couple of handfuls out from the trunk and water it in. I do it in spring and autumn. This has been most successful.

Jokes:

You know you are getting old when

- You lose an argument with a phone answering machine
- You know your way around, but you don't feel like going.
- You recall when milk came in glass bottle and they were recycled automatically.

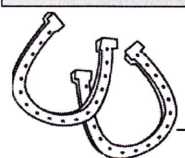
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Flourless Almond and Coconut Cake

1½ cups almond meal, ¾ cup desiccated coconut, ¼ teaspoon salt
 1 ½ teaspoons vanilla essence, 1 ¼ cups caster sugar, 4 eggs
 ¼ teaspoon almond essence, 200gms unsalted butter, melted, cooled
 2 tablespoons flaked almonds, Whipped cream for serving, optional
 Preheat oven to moderate (180deg C/160deg fan-forced)

Butter a 23cm shallow spring form tin, line the base and sides with buttered baking paper and set aside.

Put the almond meal, coconut, salt and sugar into a bowl and whisk together with a balloon whisk.

In a separate bowl, whisk together eggs, vanilla and almond essence until thoroughly mixed then mix in the cooled butter until it disappears.

Tip the butter mixture into the almond mixture and stir them together.

Scrape this into the prepared pan and spread out evenly.

Scatter the flaked almonds evenly over the top of the cake mixture.

Bake the cake for about 40-50 minutes, until the top springs back slowly when you press it gently.

When the cake is cooked, place on a wire rack to cool in the tin. Once it is cool, remove from tin. Serve with whipped cream if desired

Protect Your Property – Burglar Alert.

We have been advised that several properties in the Pink Lilly, Alton Downs and Ridgeland areas have recently had property stolen. Please be on the lookout for any foreign cars or suspicious activities in your neighbourhood and don't hesitate to ring CRIME STOPPERS on 1800 333 000.

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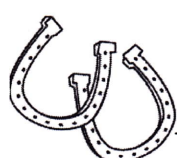
The Engine Centre Rockhampton

Danny McNamara

Ph 49 34 1473 / Mob 0438 341 473

22 Sheehan Road, Alton Downs

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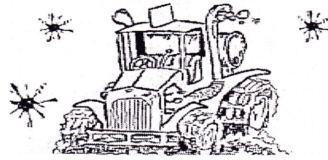
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Woolams Contractors and CQ Mudsportz Inc

Present **TWIN TRACK MUDRACING**

At Kabra Race Track

(behind Kabra Pub – Entry Via Scrubby Ck Rd)



Saturday 27th August 2011

RACING STARTS AT 9am

Adult Ticket - \$15.00

Family Ticket (up to 4 kids)-\$40.00

Children (15 years and under)- \$5.00

BYO CHAIR, CANTEEN AND BAR FACILITIES OPERATING, FREE CAMPING FACILITIES AVAILABLE

The Ridgелands State School Country Fair

Ridgелands State School

20th August commencing at 1.00 pm

- Food
- Craft & Cake Stall
- Plant Stall
- Multi Draw
- Frog Hop
- Face Painting
- Garden Raffle
- Fashion Parade
- Rides (Pre paid wristbands available from school office)



Entertainment and Karaoke 'Til Late with Bar available.
Everyone is Welcome.





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

Northern Districts Rate payers Asscn.

Held quarterly. Next meeting to be held at the Alton Downs Hall Monday 1st August – 7.30 pm. Covering the areas of Pink Lily, Alton Downs, Ridgelands, Morinish, Dalma, South Yaamba, Glenroy, Garnant. Followed by meeting on 1st November at Ridgelands State School.

Celebrations

Birthdays

Jack Sleaford 24th
Blue Shepherd 15th
Joel Estreich 23rd
Maurie McQuillan 10th
Frank Dawson 11th

Events

Alton Down Hall Association Dances

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.

Indoor Bowls

Held 1st Saturday of every month at Alton Downs Hall. All welcome

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

Anagrams

Look what happens when you rearrange these words:

ELECTION RESULTS – Lies – Lets recount.

MOTHER IN LAW Woman Hilter

THE EYES They see.

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.

