

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.

PLEASE TELL US YOUR STORIES!

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

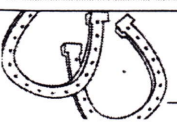
Kapu Goeysa ngitha mulpa mura, (Good day everyone, how are you?) continued.

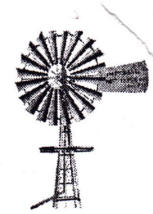
Traditional and cultural protocol and practices are still highly regarded and practiced here regularly. Coming of the Light, initiation shaving ceremonies, weddings, traditional hunting and feasting, weddings, funerals and tombstone unveilings, are events that take place with great ceremony, pride and importance. I have been very privileged to attend all of these events and been able to learn about their significance in island culture.

We have two tiny shops that offer a small range of groceries. Three bags of basic groceries could cost up to \$70 or so. Needless to say, I'm very excited when I come down south and get to duck into Coles or Woolies and it is so cheap. Because groceries are so expensive, I usually order a bulk order from Cairns once a term, so my groceries arrive on a barge, which travels up here weekly. It feels like Christmas every time your order arrives.

Petrol also arrives on the barge, a necessity for island life. There aren't many cars here, but every family would have a dinghy or two, with fishing and hunting, being their main means of feeding their family and boat travel their means of transport. However, the price at our petrol pump is \$3 a litre, so you can imagine how expensive it can get and how much impact it can have on the community if the petrol doesn't arrive on the barge for a week or two.

Although Ridgeland will always be my home, Boigu certainly comes in second. My partner of five years, Richard is from Boigu. He is someone who has taught me an insurmountable amount of knowledge of island life and is still very passionate about practicing island culture and tradition. I know that I will always have very close ties and connections to Boigu and I am always welcomed back with a big hugs and kisses and teary eyes.





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Batteries Battery World Rockhampton Ph 49 229022

My job this year means I've had to move to Horn Island, another island in the Torres Strait (where the QANTAS plane lands). Although I constantly miss Boigu, this job has allowed me to work with teachers across the Torres Strait, meaning I've now visited all 15 islands. They are all very different, yet beautiful. I pinch myself every day and consider myself very lucky.

It's amazing thinking about the choices you make and the paths they can take you down. I never in my wildest dreams would have thought I'd end up living on the edge of Australia, get a boat licence, eat turtle and dugong, learn another language, travel in a helicopter or a tiny plane or trade rice and sugar for a drum with people from PNG. It also made me realise what I took for granted, making me think twice before whinging when waiting in line at the checkout at Coles or at the price of petrol going up yet again. Your perspective changes, highlighting what is important and what's not.

For all other past and present Ridgeland's students out there, seize every opportunity that comes your way. Whether it is living in a remote area, travelling overseas, moving away for Uni or anything else that makes step outside your comfort zone. Taking the path less travelled is not always easy, but can be very rewarding. You learn so much about who you are and what you are capable of.

I hope you've enjoyed a little bit of my Torres Strait journey and just remember I have a spare room if you ever want to visit.

Koeyma Eso (Big Thank you)

Kaylene Chippendale.

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APOLOGY

We sincerely apology to our readers and our valued sponsor's for the printing of last month's newsletter, as the column advertising was not able to be clearly read.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VERY OWN GRAND CHAMPION GARDENERS

Dave and Jill Fry's garden in Nicholson Road – Alton Downs has been named Grand Champion Garden in this year's garden competition. It is beautiful to see such a wonderful garden in our area and a credit to you both for all the hard work that you have put into it.





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Coles Sports for Schools vouchers

If you are a Coles shopper, The Ridgeland State School children would appreciate if you could please collect the Coles Sports for schools vouchers and forward them to the school by the 20th October.

Rockhampton Region Be Heard

Alton Downs, Ridgeland & Surrounding Areas Locality Plan Workshop

Thank you for your attendance at the BE HEARD Community Workshops!
Now is your chance to confirm that your thoughts and views on the needs of Alton Downs, Ridgeland and surrounding areas and reflected in the Locality Plan of your area as part of the Community Plan.

Wednesday 12 October 2011
Alton Downs Community Hall
Cnr Ridgeland and Nicholson Roads
6.30pm to 8.00 p.m.

For more information or to confirm your attendance please phone 4936 8569 or email beheard@rrc.qld.gov.au

PREP 2012

Do you know of any children eligible to start Prep 2012?.

They must be 5 years old by the end of June 2012. Please contact Ridgeland State School for an enrolment package. Phone 4934 5518.

RECIPE CORNER.

4 light tortillas	1 small avocado, diced
Cooking oil spray	2 rashers bacon, grilled, crumbled
3 eggs	400gm can kidney beans, rinsed
3 cups of cos lettuce leaves	1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved.

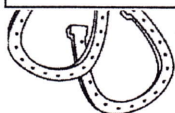
Dressing: Juice of 1 lemon, 1 Teaspoon taco seasoning, 4 Tablespoons French dressing.

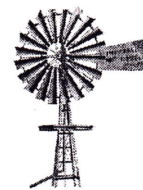
Method: preheat oven to 180 c. Place tortillas on a baking tray and spray with oil. Bake for 5 minutes, until crisp. Cut into wedges.

Boil eggs for 7 minutes. Cool, peel and cut each egg into quarters.

Place lettuce, tortilla wedges, avocado, kidney beans, eggs and tomatoes in a serving bowl.

Combine dressing ingredients in a small jug. Pour over salad before serving.





<p>Auctioneer Richard Thomson Ph 49 271308 or 0438345928</p>
<p>Pet Shop Supplies Pets PJ's Pet Barn Nth Rockhampton Ph 49 280299</p>
<p>Think Water Rockhampton Peter Hunt Ph 49 27 5700</p>
<p>Veterinary Capricorn Vet Surgery Rockhampton Ph 49 273688</p>
<p>Tanks SW Kele— Precast concrete grids etc. Ph 49 274505</p>
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<p>Earth Moving Truck, Bobcat Hire Geoff Estreich Ph 49 345958</p>
<p>Auto Electrical Laurie' Auto Electrical Ph 49 221195 or 0407756046</p>

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 Regional Arts Development Fund is joint Queensland Government and Rockhampton Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture. Applications for the RADF close on Monday 24 October 2011.

For further information, please contact Council on 4936 8529 or email dl-RADF@rrc.qld.gov.au Application forms are available at www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au.

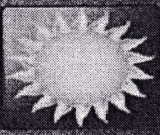


Community Notice

The President and Members of the Alton Downs Hall Asscn Inc invite the local communities to our opening of the disability ramp at the Alton Downs Hall on Saturday 24th September at 2.00 p.m.

Gold Coin donation towards the afternoon tea to be served on the day.

RSVP: Secretary – Joyce Chippendale – 4934 5120 or 0408 764 201

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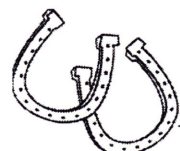
Ingredients - ¼ - ½ teaspoon liquid soap, 3 tablespoons vinegar, 2 cups water, spray bottle, a few drops of your favourite essential oil.

Directions – Combine all ingredients into a spray bottle. Shake to mix and use as your would a commercial brand. The soap in this recipe is important. It cuts the wax residue from the commercial brands you might have used in the past.

The Engine Centre Rockhampton

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What's happening this month?

Meetings

QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meetings held on the 1st Wednesday every month, starting at 9:30am.

Stitch & 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 1st November, 7:30pm at Ridgelands State School. Covering the areas of Pink Lily, Alton Downs, Ridgelands, Morinish, Dalma, South Yaamba, Glenroy, Garnant.

Ridgelands & District

Sporting &

Agricultural Asscn Inc

Next meeting – 9th November
Annual Christmas Party 25th November at 6.00 p.m.

Meetings

P & C Meeting

10th October at 3.15.p.m. at Ridgelands School

Faraday Rural Fire Brigade

Fire Levy meeting at Ridgelands Hall, 7.30p.m., 4th November.
New volunteer members welcome, free training and equipment provided.
Lynda Harding 4934 5648

Celebrations

Birthdays

Fiona Peterson
Greg Dyer

Events

Alton Down Hall Association Dances

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.

Events

Date Claimer

Licensed Christmas Karaoke in aid of Ridgelands Hall Funds Saturday 10th December 2011
6.30p.m. at Ridgelands Hall.
SEE YOU THERE.

Indoor Bowls

Held 2nd 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

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



Event	Venue	Date	Time	Cost	Enquiries
Archer Park School Holiday Program	Archer Park Railway Station	19/09/2011 & 26/09/2011	10.00am – 1.00pm	tba	Archer Park Station 4936 8191
Mount Morgan Rail Museum School Holiday Activities	Mount Morgan Rail Museum	23/09/2011	10.00am	Child \$7.00 (includes craft activities, trolley rides and a tour of the centre and 3D movie carriage)	Mt Morgan Rail Museum 4938 2312
Festival of Russian Ballet	Pilbeam Theatre	21/09/2011	7.30pm	Adult \$84.90, Concessions available	Dial n Charge 4927 4111 www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au
Twilight Movies	Bell Park, Emu Park	23/09/2011	7.00pm	Free	Dial n Charge 4927 4111
Manhattan Short Film Festival	Walter Reid Cultural Centre	30/09/2011	8.00pm	\$15	Dial n Charge 4927 4111
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra Live Simulcast	Pilbeam Theatre	03/10/2011	7.00pm	Free admission Limit 4 tickets per person	Tickets only available in person from the Pilbeam Theatre Box Office
Twilight Movies	Riverside Park, Rockhampton	07/10/2011	7.00pm	Free	4927 4111
Morning Melodies – Little Pattie Show	Pilbeam Theatre	10/10/2011	11.00am	Adult \$17, Concessions available	Dial n Charge 4927 4111
Will Anderson – Man vs Will	Pilbeam Theatre	14/10/2011	7.30pm	All tickets \$45	Dial n Charge 4927 4111
Oh What a Night	Pilbeam Theatre	15/10/2011	8.00pm	Adult \$45, Concessions available	Dial n Charge 4927 4111

PLANNED ROADWORKS

Work Location	Work Description	Start Date	Expected Completion Date	Potential Interruptions
Calmorin Road, James Bridge	Bridge Replacement	Early September 2011	Mid October 2011	Side track & speed restrictions
Glenroy Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Mid August 2011	Mid October 2011	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Lion Mountain Road	Floodway upgrade	Mid October 2011	Late November 2011	Side track & speed restrictions
Mornish Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Early September 2011	Late November 2011	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Nine Mile Road	Restoration works	Late September 2011	Mid February 2012	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Stanwell-Waroula Road	Timber bridge replacement	Late October 2011	Early January 2012	Side trace & speed restrictions