

# Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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## Blackall to Jericho: Horse-drawn Trek via the old wool wagon Route of Yesteryear *a fund-raiser for Angel Flight*

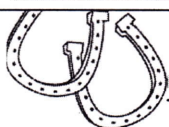
by Pat Pointing, Alton Downs

This trip, when first proposed, was originally programmed for May 2011. However, as that period of the year most folk around Jericho/Alpha and general area would rather fast-forward because of the flood rains, it was re-scheduled for September 2011 and I indicated my desire to participate; having often wanted to undertake such a venture.

I arrived at 'Slygo', the property of Shane and Kylie Story, some 30kms south of Jericho on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August with a horse drawn vehicle and two horses. John Reeve, Alton Downs, had kindly loaned his all-steel buggy complete with a canopy. It is a four seater, has foot brakes on the rear wheels and was ideal for such a purpose. With me in the driver's seat we became the most focused-on outfit, if photographs since supplied are any indication.

During Monday and Tuesday more folk arrived at Slygo and on Wednesday a caravan of vehicles (motorised of course) towing trailers, horse floats complete with horse feed, electric fences, feed buckets, etc. We trekked into Blackall and out to the Wool scours complex to camp for the night before heading off next morning. The volunteers of the Wool scours provided conducted tours of the property and cooked and served a beautiful meal that night. They provided each traveller with a draw string caico bag complete with cutlery, tin mug, plate, etc. The shire Mayoress, Ms Ross was also present at this function.

We left Blackall and travelled firstly through 'Alice Downs', 'Darracourt', 'Yalleroi', Strathford' and finally on to the 20 Mile camp at Slygo. The first couple of days were through downs country, selectively cleared. There were areas of Gidgee scrub in the open downs area with scattered Boree trees, very good grazing Country and quite well grassed. The roads we were on were through approval. Watering points were the main concern and our camp sites had adequate stock water. One support vehicle carried stock water we could draw from during the daily drive. Most of the travellers had electric fence facilities; these were erected each evening after our daily drive. The fences were seldom energised as the horses had been introduced to them prior to the trip. This has its disadvantages as property stock are quite nose, not taking long to notice hay in these small unfenced enclosures. Cattle proved troublesome on more than one occasion, particularly





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during the night. Some early morning chores were to find and bring back strayed horses. The downs country gave way to the desert uplands, the roads became quite sandy in most places and the going was slower. The smaller horses found it somewhat heavy going. There were four members of the group who rode their horses and the interaction between horse rider, walkers, carriage people and the clicking of camera was on-going and the social contact between the groups was quite jovial. The support vehicles usually provided the midday sandwich, fruit and water. Our daily drive was around 20 kms and this proved to be comfortable to all.

There were two cooks and a general hand that looked after the washing-up etc. – we were certainly pampered. Camp Oven cooking by the best! Toby Rodgers of Hughenden, Don Booth of Charters Towers and Ray Fryer of 'Tabletop' which borders the army country north-west of Townsville. Most would remember the Black Hawk helicopter tragedy; well that area was resumed from 'Tabletop' for the army from the Fryer family some years ago. There were trekkers from Murphy's Creek, the infamous area of the Toowoomba downpour devastated by flood earlier this year, others came from Wee Waa in NSW, Gympie, Brisbane, Innisfail, Mackay, Townsville, Mundubbera, Gem Fields area and Toowoomba. Of course the Townsville group were to the fore as this trip was the 'baby' of the Townsville and District Harness Club. There were five walkers who actually walked the entire journey, being avid walkers, they took up the challenge and provided a great pictorial representation of happenings along the way. There was no shortage of Laptops at night time and the photo session was well attended.

The route took us through private property until the second last day of the trip when we ventured onto the main road for a couple of hours before crossing into 'Slygo' to camp at a large dam. The camping area is known as the 'Twenty Mile'. This was an original camp of the old teamsters, carting wool to, at first Rockhampton and later to Jericho when the rail reached that area. From the Twenty Mile there would be a stretch of 10 kms heavily timbered with Lancewood and it is though this area the old wagon wheel ruts are still visible. The land is very deceptive as it has been gradually rising for several miles and Shane Story claims the Queensland rail records show that it is the highest point of any railway on the Western Watershed. Eventually the rail line was connected to Blackall from Jericho. Our route actually paralleled this rail corridor; of course the line has been removed. The only siding to display the name was 'Yalleroi' which was one of our night camps. There are still a couple of buildings plus a windmill there.

At our Yalleroi camp some of the local graziers shared the night meal with us and we were provided with some of the local history and this included the aboriginal tribes that were in this area at the turn of the century. Of particular interest to me was Yalleroi as I had spent a night there with two carpenters who were building railway houses around 1973-74, one builder I knew was from Dalby. These houses have been sold off with the closing of the rail. Other points of interest were also aboriginal rock wells – Shane Story had recently cleaned the silt from one and a 'soak' was there for all to see. The area around this 'soak' or well was at the highest of the before-mentioned area. Teamsters rested at this spot. Old tins (Camp Pie etc.) rusty old buckets and items commonly used; discarded, are visible there. Shane had collected the remains of two old wool wagons; they are relics of the past and are on the side of track.





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There would be a least 30-40 sets of Collar Hames draped over a limb adding to the perspective of any reflection one might indulge in. This area is also marked (believed because of it being the highest spot), with a rifle barrel driven into the ground. Off to the southern side there is an area of unusual rock formation that warrants further investigation. Opinions vary but were they dinosaurs? Are they the foot prints of dinosaurs, bones of dinosaurs? Hopefully Shane will soon know as he has set the wheels in motion to establish just that.

'Slygo' is situated in what is known as the Desert Uplands, quite heavily timbered, mostly Yellow Jack, Bloodwood, Ironbark, with a great diversity of smaller shrub like trees. There are, I'm told, over 100 edible species, that stock graze, in the Desert Uplands. I asked Shane's Dad one day to identify a shrub for me that had a small yellowish flower. He claimed he had never seen this plant growing in this area prior to this year's floods. He has made enquiries and was told it is the prized sandalwood tree which grows in the southern gulf area, mostly around Hughenden/Julia creek areas and is cut and stacked then exported to the Asian countries for incense use, the sale of it is strictly controlled. 'Slygo' runs a few head of cattle and goats but the family are working on it as a Farm stay. They have a museum which is an old Queenslander, Art's Hall, purchased from Emerald and re-located. The old homestead contains a great display of items used in the past.

One could spend hours in such a perfect environment for such displays. They actually have a couple of cabins and plan to continue their expansion plan. Our final day saw us checking out these venues and it came to an end with a great dinner at night, licensed bar to boot! Before we parted, each participant received a certificate to say we had completed the trip or 'trek'. Money raised went to Angel Flight and the total final figure stands at \$7,600.00 – really great effort.






Pat Pointing and Michael Borg driving 'Haley' (and 'Stormy' went along for the experience).

N.B. Due to the success of the trek, suggestions and discussions are taking place, perhaps to have a similar annual event following this same route. No doubt details will be circulated if or when something more definite is known.

Ridgelands State School will be holding the 2012 Pre Orientation Morning on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – 9am to 11am.

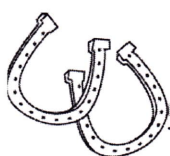
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## Planned Roadworks

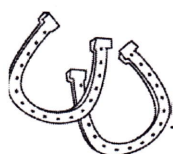
Calmorin Road, James	Bridge Replacement	Early September 2011	Mid Oct 2011	Side track & speed restrictions
Glenroy Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Mid August 2011	Mid Oct 2011	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Glenroy-Marlborough Road 3.5km	Gravel resheet	Late Sep 2011	Mid Oct 2011	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Lion Mountain Road	Floodway upgrade	Late Oct 2011	Early Dec 2011	Side track & speed restrictions
Mornish Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Mid Oct 2011	Mid March 2012	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Mornish South Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Early Nov 2011	Early Feb 2012	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Nine Mile Road	Restoration works	Late Sep 2011	Early Feb 2012	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Six Mile Road	Restoration works	Early Oct 2011	Early March 2012	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Stanwell-Waroula Road	Timber bridge replacement	Mid Oct 2011	Early Dec 2011	Side track & speed restrictions

## QCWA Recipe Corner – Stuffed Eggs

6 hard boiled eggs                      ¼ cup egg mayonnaise  
 Pinch of curry powder                  Seasoning  
 Paprika (optional)

1. Peel shell from eggs
2. Cut in half lengthways
3. Carefully remove yolks and mash in a bowl.
4. Add mayonnaise and curry powder.
5. Season to taste.
6. Place yolk mixture back into egg-white cavities.
7. Sprinkle with paprika if desired.

N.B. We apologise for omitting the name of last months recipe which was Mexican Caesar Salad.





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### Be Heard Meeting - Jill Fry

I attended the **Be heard meeting at Alton Downs Hall on 12/10/2011**. Thanks to Around the Ridges advertising, 40 odd people turned up, which surprised the Council. Whilst some people wanted to discuss certain matters which had been discussed at the previous (small) meeting, the council officers took details to respond to them separately to enable the meeting to flow on. Seems our areas biggest issue is the roads and a lack of information in flood times. When the consulting team is finally finished 14 separate areas (The Caves, Mt Morgan Alton Downs Ridglands etc) will have specific development plans within the planning area. If you want to discuss waste, the Council manager will be at the next rate payers meeting at Ridglands Hall. There has been no final decision as many folks were unhappy about the 'survey' sent out. Discussion as to placement of a 'transfer station' which will be manned, is still being discussed and considerations such as available land have to be researched.

Big G's Catering

Shop 4/293 Richardson Road, North Rockhampton  
 EMAIL: [lorelle56@hotmail.com](mailto:lorelle56@hotmail.com)  
 PH/FAX: (07) 4928 0864

Tuna Salad with Italian Influence

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x 450g Can Tuna in Brine, drained</li> <li>250g Spiral Vegeroni Pasta</li> <li>1 Red Onion, sliced</li> <li>1/4 Cup Basi (or Parsley), chopped</li> <li>1/2 Cup Kalamata Olives</li> <li>50g Pinenuts, toasted</li> <li>1/2 Cup Semi-dried Tomatoes, chopped</li> <li>1 x Red Pepper, seeded &amp; sliced</li> <li>1/4 Cup Italian Dressing</li> </ul>	<p>Method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cook pasta in boiling water till al dente</li> <li>Drain and cool</li> <li>Combine all ingredients except Dressing</li> <li>Add dressing just before serving</li> <li>Garnish with basil (or Parsely) leaves</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.8em;">(Serves 4-6)</p>
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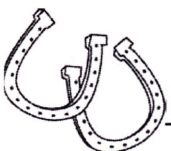
### Gardening Tips – Useful tree for CQ

Leichhardt Tree: Medium to Tall straight tree with large broad leaf deciduous in late winter. The heart wood is yellowish to orange and is soft and suitable for carving. It's timber was used in many early Rockhampton building. This is the larval food plant of the amethyst jewel butterfly.

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# What's happening this month?

## Meetings

### QCWA

Ridgелands Branch meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month, starting at 9:30am.

### Stitch and Chat Group

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Ridgелands Hall, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – 7.30 pm. Covering the areas of Pink Lily, Alton Downs, Ridgелands, Mornish, Dalma, South Yaamba, Glenroy, Garnant.

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

Robyn O'Neill  
David Fry  
Judy Stanke

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who brought in Woolies and Coles docketts.

## Events

### Alton Down Hall Association Dances

29<sup>th</sup> October – Two Can, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month at Conaghan Park, Gracemere from 8:00am-12:00pm Vacancies exist for new stall holders. Ph 0447 361 693

### Ridgелands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc.

Next meeting -

Annual Christmas Party will be held at the show grounds on the 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 p.m.

### Ridgелands Hall Committee

Licensed Christmas Karaoke in aid of the Ridgелands Hall Funds

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30p.m. – Ridgелands Hall

SEE YOU THERE.

## 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 Ridgелands State School P&C to hire chairs for functions. Ph 49 345518.

#### Indoor Bowls

Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at Alton Downs Hall. All welcome

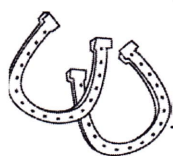
## For Sale

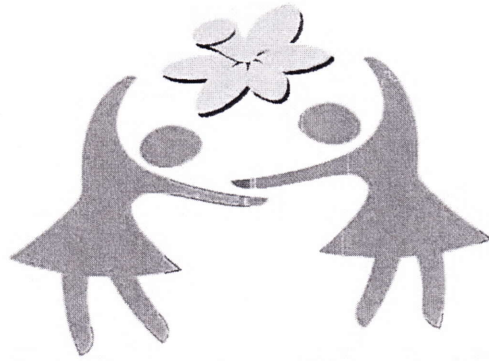
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Entertainment Unit – 1300mm (h) x 940mm (w) x 520mm (d) very good condition \$175 ONO – Phone Robyn on 49 34 1205 after 6pm





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IN**

**RIDGELANDS HALL**

**29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

**6.00 PM – TILL LATE**

**\$20.00 PER PERSON**

**INCLUDES: ENTRY, LUCKY DOOR TICKET, COMPLIMENTARY GLASS  
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**\*MUSIC**

**\*MULTI-DRAW**

**\*LUCKY SPOT**

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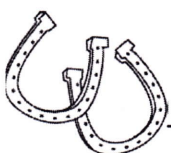
**\*BEST DRESSED – THEME 'PINK'**

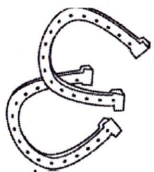
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**R.S.V.P – 26.10.2011 & B.Y.O DRINKS**

*Are you in?*

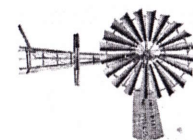
**FOR ALL ENQUIRES & R.S.V.P PLEASE CONTACT : EMMA FRANKISH 49345552**

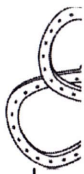




### Rockhampton Regional Council Upcoming Event

Event	Venue	Date	Time	Cost	Enquiries
Music Social Meet Up with screen of "A Piss in the Ocean" documentary screening	Walter Reid Cultural Centre	08/11/2011	6-9pm	Free, but bookings essential	4924 5600 Email <a href="mailto:avenue@rvc.com.au">avenue@rvc.com.au</a>
Rockhampton Grammar School Music Festival	Pilbeam Theatre	22/10/2011	7pm	Adult \$14, concessions available	<a href="http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au">www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au</a> 4927 4111
Kids Halloween at the Gallery	Beatrice Hutton Room, Rockhampton Art Gallery	29/10/2011	1.30-3pm	Free, but bookings essential	4936 8248
Opening Night – Michael Robertson Studio of Dance and Musical Theatre	Pilbeam Theatre	29/10/2011	7pm	Adult \$25, concessions available	<a href="http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au">www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au</a> 4927 4111
Heritage Village Halloween Trick or Treat	Rockhampton Heritage Village	29/10/2011	Session 1 6.30pm Session 2 7.30pm	\$15 includes tour, steak burger, tea/coffee \$12 includes tour, sausage in a swag, cordial Bar operating/additional burgers and sausages on sale	<a href="http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au">www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au</a> 4927 4111
One Act Wonders	Walter Reid Cultural Centre	29/10/2011 30/10/2011 4/11/2011 5/11/2011	7.30pm 2pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Adult \$22 concessions available Bar operating for evening performances	<a href="http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au">www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au</a> 4927 4111
The Supreme Dreams – Motown Sensation	Pilbeam Theatre	10/11/2011	7.30pm	Adult \$50, concessions available	<a href="http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au">www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au</a> 4927 4111
Bangarra Dance Theatre's Mathinna	Pilbeam Theatre	12/11/2011	7.30pm	Adult \$48, concessions available	<a href="http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au">www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au</a> 4927 4111
Dance Infusion – Around the World	Pilbeam Theatre	13/11/2011	3pm	Adult \$28, concessions available	<a href="http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au">www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au</a> 4927 4111
Hollywood Classics – High Society	Walter Reid Cultural Centre	15/11/2011	10.30am	All tickets \$5	<a href="http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au">www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au</a> 4927 4111
It's a Celebration – Dance Star	Pilbeam Theatre	19/11/2011	2pm	Adult \$25, concessions available	<a href="http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au">www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au</a> 4927 4111





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An informal opportunity for some social networking with artists and cultural workers. Let's talk about the development of some collaborative arts activities and find out about available funding for arts projects in your community. If you'd like to be involved or share ideas please come along.

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by Thursday 9 November 2011

A good opportunity to check out the  
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## Sandcasting in Bronze at Ridgeland's

### SANDCASTING IN BRONZE WITH BRENDAN TOHILL

In this one-day introductory workshop, participants will discover the techniques of sand-casting in bronze and create their own belt buckle.

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10am to 4pm

#### WHERE

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#### COST \$30

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