

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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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.

Welcome back to our first 2012 edition of Around the Ridges. If you are a budding writer and would like to tell us a story of community interest we would love to hear from you. Our front page interest this month is on history.

Interested in history?

Every Wednesday evening from 4pm- 6pm a group of keen historians gather together at the Rockhampton Regional Library to work on correcting electronic translated text in TROVE (www.trove.nla.gov.au) Trove is now the single way to access digitised Australian newspapers and magazines hosted by the National Library of Australia.

Of particular interest to many are the digitized newspapers from the local area such as the *Rockhampton Bulletin* (1871-1878), *The Morning Bulletin* (1878-1954), *Capricornian* (1875-1929), and *Central Queensland Herald* (1930-1956).

Participants can focus on any research interest including family history information. A staff member from the Rockhampton History Centre at the library is on hand to provide help with enquiries from 4pm-5pm. To reserve your seat, contact the Rockhampton Regional Library on phone 4936 8043.

The President and members of the Ridgeland Hall Committee were shocked and saddened by the passing of **JOHN CREW**. John was a very valuable member and loyal friend to all. His expertise in cooking and with his wife Sandra's capability in catering made the meal at our Christmas karaoke superb. John was a very willing worker in all facets of the Committee and I know this Committee is going to miss his friendly presence at meetings and functions but nothing compare to the way he will be missed at home.

Our thoughts are with you, Sandra.

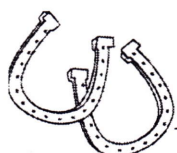
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Letter to the Editor

With 400,000 businesses to be hit with costly and confusing extra red tape on 01 January from Workplace Health and Safety, all unnecessary red tape and bureaucracy needs to be put under scrutiny.

I want to hear from small business, employers, property owners, land holders, volunteers and retirees over the coming weeks about any red tape that is wasting their time or money.

Simply drop me a line at Ted Malone, PO Box 56, Sarina Q 4737, email to mirani@parliament.qld.gov.au or fax to 4956 1980 and nominate the most hated red tape instance or experience. There are over 90,000 pages of regulations from the Queensland Government, not to mention those from Local and Federal Government. The LNP has committed to removing Labor's waste tax, sustainability declarations, and reducing small business costs, keeping them competitive and reducing the imposts on consumers.

**TED MALONE - Member for Mirani
Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations
Shadow Minister for Employment and Skills For verification – Karen – 4956 1555**

Can you believe it?

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

A cockroach will live nine days without its head, before it starves to death.

DATE Claimers from Alton Downs Hall Association Inc

The DANCES are the **24th March 2012, 30th June 2012, 1st September 2012.** and the **1st December 2012.** Annual Cent Sale is on the **21st April 2012** at the Alton Downs Hall at 1.30pm to started at 2pm Good Prizes all welcome.

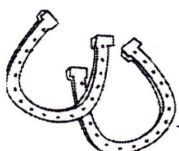
The next dance at the Alton Downs Hall is Saturday 24th March 2012 commencing at 7.30pm music by Two Can there will be Raffles, Novelty Prizes and supper will be served . For Information: Phone Joyce Chippendale 49345120 or Tom Hoare 49341493.

Ridgeland's hall Committee held their **Christmas Karaoke** on the 10th December 11. The night was a great success with patrons enjoying a meal of roast pork and beef with roast vegetables followed by a choice of homemade sweets. Thanks to everyone for their attendance on the night and also to the non-committee members for helping to serve the meal and also to the ticket sellers on the door. Thanks to Dennis Lindley for organising the auction, those who donated items and of course the buyers as without buyers there would be no auction. We also thank the auctioneer for a job well done. Thank you to Santa who just happened to drop in at the right time to distribute the presents to the children. A bit thank you to the participants in the Karaoke for providing the entertainment

Condolences

Our community would like to sincerely offer our condolences to the families and friends of John Crew and Ailsa Duff in the recent loss of your loved ones.

“John and Ailsa will remain forever in our hearts and memories.”





Raspberry LAMINGTONS

3 EGGS, ¾ CUP Caster sugar, ¾ cup SR flour, 2tablespoons boiling water,¾ cup thickened cream, 85gm raspberry crystals,1.5 cups desiccated coconut approx..

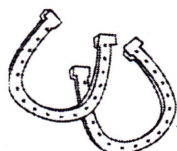
Grease a 20cm square cake pan and line base with paper. Beat eggs at high speed with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Gradually add sugar and continue beating until sugar is dissolved. Sift flour over egg mixture, fold in gently then fold in 2 tablespoons of boiling water. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Bake at 180c preheated oven for 25 minutes or until cake springs back when touched lightly. Stand cake in pan for 2 minutes, then turn out onto wire rack to cool. Beat cream until firm peaks form. Cut cake into 2 even layers. Join cake layers together with whipped cream, then wrap cake in plastic and refrigerate for 1 hour. Prepare jelly crystals as directed on packet and refrigerate until jelly is thickened but not set. Cut cake into 9 even pieces. Spread coconut on a tray. Pour jelly into shallow dish; add cake pieces one at a time, turning them to cover in jelly mixture. Roll the jelly coated cake pieces in the coconut to coat evenly. Keep lamingtons refrigerated until required. Makes 9.

Event	Venue	Date	Time	Cost	Enquiries
Adobe Photo Workshop – Event Organiser CQ Insight	Rockhampton Regional Library, COIN Training Room (upstairs)	11/02/2012	9.30am – 4.30pm	\$135	Julie Robertson 0419 774 631 julie@cqinsight.com.au www.cqinsight.com.au
Morning Melodies – Super Supremes	Pilbeam Theatre	13/02/2012	11.00am	\$17 Adult, concessions available	www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au 4927 4111
Beetles, Creedence Clearwater Revival and Venus experience	Pilbeam Theatre	16/02/2012	8.00pm	\$30 Adult, concessions available	www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au 4927 4111

PLANNED ROADWORKS

Gracemere & Nine Mile Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Early December 2011	Mid March 2012	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Mornish Area	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Late October 2011	Early February 2012	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Mornish Area South	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Mid January 2012	Late March 2012	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions

ROADSIDE SLASHING will be carried out on Ridgeland's Road and the Ridgeland's Bus Route commencing February





What's happening this month?

Meetings

QCWA

Ridgeland 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

Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn In.

Next meeting: February at the Ridgeland showgrounds.

Events

Alton Down Hall Indoor Bowls

Held 1st Saturday of every month at Alton Down 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

Chair Hire

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

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all who are having a birthday and we hope that 2012 brings you all that you wish for.

January

Stephaine Ruddick
Jacqueline Fossett
Robyn Edmiston

February

Anna Reeve
Krystal Thompson
Dorothy Thompson
Anne Herring
Charlie Frankish
Jenny Prince
Lyn & Strop Rosenberg
Jessica O'Neill

If you know someone who is having a birthday and you would like to send them birthday wishes, please contact us.

Square Dance Classes

Square dance classes are set to recommence on Friday 10 February at 7 p.m. in the Rockhampton Square Dance Hall, Fitzroy Street, Rockhampton. It's fun, everyone welcome.

The first two classes are free!

A Rural neighbourhood Watch Meeting

will be held in conjunction with the **Ratepayers meeting** on Wed 6th February at the Alton Downs Hall at 7.30pm.

Everyone welcome.

AGING

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. This is so true- we want to hear them say 'you don't look that old.'

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth think of algebra!

