

# 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.

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.

## As the 2<sup>nd</sup> June approaches, the Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc is busy preparing for their 30<sup>th</sup> annual show.

This year there will be one major change and that is - entries into the Cooking, Handicraft, Horticulture and Agricultural sections will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Judging will take place that afternoon. This will enable the Walters pavilion to be opened and all entries will be on display from 8.00 a.m. on Saturday morning. We certainly hope this does not inconvenience anyone. If you have trouble in submitting your entries by this time, please give us a call and we will try our best to accommodate you. Last year saw the largest amount of entries in the photography section that we have ever had and we look forward to seeing every one's photo's again this year.

With Beef Expo being held the week prior to our show it would be great if we saw our cattle entries up. If not I am sure we will still see some fine cattle and horses on display. Our show is growing bigger every year. Show bags for children of all ages will be reintroduction by the Ridgeland State School so please support them. Bill's amusements will be bringing along all their usual rides as well as the dodgem cars. I am looking forward to this as I can remember how much fun we had on them when we were teenagers. That does not mean to say that Dad and Mum can't have a go on them as well.

Once again we hope to have some different and exciting events to entertain our patrons, but I am not going to give all our secrets away. You will just have to come along and see for yourself and catch up with all your friends and neighbours. I am sure you will have a great day. Don't forget to mark it on your calendar or put it in your diary.

If you would like to have a stall or know anyone who would, please contact Linda Edgar on 4934 7621. If you have never put entries into the show, give it some thought - it can be lots of fun. Everyone is eligible for our Best dressed fashions and you don't even know you are being judged.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to ring Julann Chippendale on 4934 5564, Leonie Thompson on 4934 5587 or Diane Bull on 4934 1192.

Hope to see you at the show.



Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers





**Attention Community Organisations: Building Skills for the Future  
Conference Gracemere Community hall Barry St Gracemere. Sat 16 JUNE  
Free**

**Session One 10am-12.30pm** Community Leadership- how to manage, lead and promote a community based organisation Risk management and Insurance. Light Lunch included 12.30pm-1pm

**Session two 1-3.30pm** Securing funds for your group how to write grants and fundraise. Volunteer management training- how to recruit, retain, recognise and ensure safety of volunteers Bookings Community Development 49368569

**Alton Downs Memorial - remember ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 4.27am  
25<sup>th</sup> April**

In 1992 Waroula Brownie and Alton Downs Scout Group leaders organised the first Dawn Service for many years at the Memorial at Alton Downs Hall. The Service has been held each year thanks to the Committee that was formed originally in 1998 and the volunteers who help out both at the Service and at the Breakfast afterwards. The committee organised for the Memorial Wall to be built behind the Cenotaph to record the names of those local people who served in any war or peace time forces. There are plaques in the wall to commemorate personnel in the Boer War, WW2, Malaya, Korea, Vietnam and in Peace Time. The name son the Cenotaph which commemorates WW1 are a reminder of the districts early years:- Blank, Butcher, Bowman, Duncan, Donovan, Edministone, Ferne, Geddies, Dwyer, Klapproth, Knickel, Moore, MacCallum, Mitchell, Murray, Morris, Handley, Harmsworth, Jones, Laverty, Reid, Reynolds, Richardson, Royes, Stevenson, Todd, Wells, White, Williams.

A time capsule was placed in the top of the flag pole in 2001. Please stop and have a look at the Remembrance Wall and if you know anyone whose name should be recorded please phone Hugh Chippendale on 4934 5120.

You are welcome at the Dawn Service and for the Gunfire Breakfast afterwards. (with Thanks to Fitzroy Flashbacks by Rhondda Ward and Jenny Reeve)

Resignation

After 9.5 years I am resigning from the 'Around the Ridges and a Bit Beyond Newsletter Committee' and team on June 30<sup>th</sup> 12. I expect that someone in our community will step up and assist once a month to put together the newsletter. My congratulations go to the original Committee who established the newsletter and also to the ongoing stalwarts who have contributed to the newsletter and its major fundraiser - the Business Directory.

This newsletter is prepared by volunteers and is now a vital link in the community. If you can spare one day a month to help please contact Diane Bull on 4934 1192. Best wishes to the team for the future. Jill Fry

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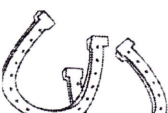
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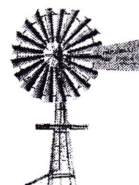
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Congratulations to Alice Boys on her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Easter. She celebrated with her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren 14th April at Alex and Carol Reid's home with a birthday cake and lovely spread of delicious homemade food.

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**FarmReady ends on 30 June 2012. Reimbursement will not be available for courses completed after 31 May 2012.**

FarmReady is coming to a close so anyone interested in doing a workshop please contact Mick at Grazing BestPrac on 1300 780 872 or 4938 3919. FarmReady will reimburse 65% of the cost of the workshop but **Applications** must be received by FarmReady by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**Courses** must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 and **Claims** submitted by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

FarmReady website: [www.farmready.gov.au](http://www.farmready.gov.au)  
Our most popular workshops are:—Healthy Soils Healthy Pastures, Computerised Property Planning  
Succession Planning – Family Facilitation

These workshops can be conducted on a property if you have a few neighbours and staff who would be interested in getting together to do a workshop. Time is running out so let us know as soon as possible.

**RECIPE CORNER - Best-ever Banana Bread**

**Ingredients** – 2 bananas, 2 tbsp golden syrup, ¾ cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 cup self-raising flour, pinch of salt.

**Method** – Heat oven to 180c (160 C fan forced)

Grease and line the base of a loaf pan.

In a medium bowl, mash bananas then add golden syrup. Add sugar and stir in.

Add egg, sifted flour and salt and lightly mix until combined.

Pour into loaf pan and cook for 30 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

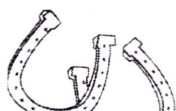
Allow to cool in tin for 10 minutes, and then turn onto wire rack to cool.

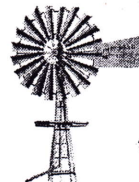
Enjoy it warm straight from the oven or lightly grill it and then enjoy with butter melting on top.

**Tip:** you can also make variations to this by throwing in a handful of chopped dates just before pouring into tin to bake or adding choc chips to make choc banana bread.

**GARDENING TIP – Leave them felling bitter**

Leaf eating pests such as grubs and grasshoppers are strongly deterred by the bitterness of molasses. Mix ½ cup molasses in a watering can and pour it over your affected plants. This needs to be reapplied after rain.





# What's happening this month?

## Meetings

### QCWA

Ridgelands 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

## Events

### Indoor Bowls

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

### QCWA Ridgelands

#### Branch are hosting a Mothers Day afternoon

Tea at the Ridgelands Community Hall, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 1.30 .m.

Contact:  
Hilary Chippendale on 4934 5125 or  
Joyce Chippendale on 4934 5120

## 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

### Northern District Rate payers Asscn.

Meetings are held quarterly. 2012 meetings are 6<sup>th</sup> August at Alton Downs Hall and 5<sup>th</sup> November at Ridgelands Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Covering the areas of Pink Lilly, Alton Downs, Ridgelands, Morinish, Dalma, South Yaamba, Glenroy and Garnant.

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Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not happy.

Murphy says to Paddy "What ya talkin to an envelope for?" "I'm sending a voicemail ya thick sod"

## Celebrations

Happy Birthday to everyone who is having a birthday in May, including: -  
Margaret Stewart  
Vic Edmestone  
Sharon McQuillan  
Maurice McQuillan

## New Arrivals.



Archer William born to Belinda (nee O'Neill) and Craig Wilkes – 19<sup>th</sup> March

Lawson James born to Dan and Leanne Sedgman – 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Abby Carol born to Craig and Belinda Ellrott – 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Molly Grace born to Tamara (nee Bull) and Greg Petersen – 9<sup>th</sup> April

### Alton Downs Hall Annual Cent Sale

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
Commencing 1.30 p.m.  
Good Prizes

