

# 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.

## PLAYGROUP

Do you remember your days at Playgroup and all the fun you had and the new friends you made. Well this is for all our new mum's in the community and our mum's with pre-school children.

Playgroup is held every Wednesday at the Ridgeland State School from 9.00 a.m., where your children can participate in activities and games to help develop their social and learning skills and have heaps of fun. Everyone is welcome and all you need to bring is a plate for morning tea. If you would like more information, please contact Regan Ellrott on 0428 345 100.

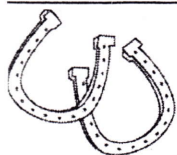
## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to John and Lorraine Ryan

When you marry you usually don't think 50 years ahead. So it came as a mild surprise on ANZAC Day when we congratulated each other on being married 50 years. Your 50<sup>th</sup> creeps up on you. We met in the back seat of a car in September 1961, when mutual friends in Launceston invited us to a drive-in movie. In October 1961 John was posted by AAP Reuter international news agency to Port Moresby to cover Australian administered Papua New Guinea, Dutch administered British Solomon Islands Protectorate. In December 1961 Lorraine followed to work at the Port Moresby General Hospital. When Lorraine's mother was due to visit from Tasmania in April 1962, John and Lorraine decided to marry. As ANZAC Day was a public holiday we needed to pick up the wedding cake the day before in a battered old VW beetle, rather worse for wear. So there we were bouncing along with Lorraine holding the cake on her lap, then taking it back to the flat, placing it near a fan, as the humidity was high and hoping the icing didn't melt. We were married at St John's In the Wood Anglican church with happy celebration at our reception in the nearby CWA Hall with a group of friends. We spent the first 12 years of our marriage in Port Moresby before returning to Australia with our two daughters Kate and Liz.

## GARDENING TIPS - The untangling tango

Have you ever wondered why your garden hose keeps tying itself in knots? If you are holding the hose in your right hand, when you move to turn around and head off elsewhere, you will probably always turn left, so as to not tangle the hose. The more times you turn left, the more loops you will put in the hose. If you train yourself to step over the hose and turn right every now and then, the hose will not tangle.

HOUSE FOR RENT IN RIDGELANDS AREA PH 4934 5135 A/H





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### Reasons Why the English Language is Hard to Learn.

Let's face it – English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger. Here are some more examples:-

They were too close to the door to close it.

When shot at, the doe dove into the bushes.

Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

No wonder we all get confused.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event	Venue	Date	Time	Cost	Enquiries
Open Gymkhana & Horse Sports Day	Rockhampton Heritage Village	27/05/2012	7.30am	Tba	George 0418 793 839 or Angela 07 4936 8683
Morning Melodies – European Classics	Pilbeam Theatre	28/05/2012	11.00am	\$17 adult (concessions available)	<a href="http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au">www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au</a>
Namatjira	Pilbeam Theatre	30/05/2012	7.30pm	\$45 adult (concessions available)	<a href="http://www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au">www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au</a> 4927 4111
Advanced Photo Enhancement – Adobe Photoshop Workshop	Rockhampton Regional Library, COIN Training Room	31/05/2012, 07/06/2012, 14/06/2012, 21/06/2012	1.30-4.30pm	\$270	Julie Robertson 0419 774 631 <a href="mailto:julie@cqinsight.com.au">julie@cqinsight.com.au</a>

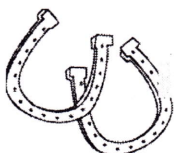
### Handy Hints-Dental Care Mouth Wash

You don't need to spend good money on artificially flavoured mouthwash that is primarily alcohol. Ingredients: 1 teaspoon Glycerine, 1teasp Aloe Vera gel, 10 drops Peppermint essence oil, 1 1/2 cups water.

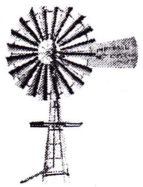
In a clean jar with a tight fitting cap mix the glycerine and aloe vera gel with the essential oil. Add the water and shake well. Use as a gargle. Store in a covered jar and share well each time before use.

Planned Work.

Work Location	Work Description	Start Date	Expected Completion Date	Potential Interruptions
Alton Downs, Pink Lily, West Rockhampton areas	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs	Late March 2012	Mid June 2012	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions
Dalma & Ridgeland areas	Maintenance grading, resheeting & flood repairs.	Mid April 2012	Late June 2012	Traffic controllers & speed restrictions



Bush Fire Awareness Training- Alton Downs Hall Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 10am-1pm sausage sizzle



<b>Butcher</b> Norm Milner Campbell St Ph 49 276616
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<b>Surveyor</b> Neil Richardson Tax Depreciation Reports Ph 49 3410 01

**Alton Downs Cemetery Trust**

The Alton Downs Cemetery Trust is calling a public meeting to be held at 10.00a.m. on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May at the Alton Downs Hall for the purpose of calling nominations for positions on the trust. Secretary: M Galvin -4934 1218  
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**RECIPE CORNER.**

**Apple Crumble Cake**

Ingredients: 220g butter, melted; 4 eggs; 1 ½ cups caster sugar, 2 ¾ cups self-raising flour; 1 cup sour cream; 1/3 cup custard powder; 1 teaspoon vanilla essence; 825g can pie apples; whipped cream to serve.

CRUMBLE: ¾ cup self-raising flour; 1 teasp ground cinnamon; 1/3 cup white sugar; 75g butter, chilled, chopped.

Method: Preheat oven to moderate. Lightly grease a 20x30 slab pan. Line with baking paper, allowing 2cm overhang on long sides.

In a bowl, using an electric mixer, beat butter and eggs together. Add flour, sugar, sour cream, custard powder and vanilla. Continue beating at low speed, until pale and creamy.

CRUMBLE: Sift flour and cinnamon into a bowl. Add sugar, then rub in butter, using fingertips until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Sprinkle over cake mixture.

Bake 55-60 minutes, until cooked when tested with a skewer. Cover with foil if browning too quickly.

Serve warm, with cream or with custard as a dessert.

SERVES: 12                                      PREP TIME: 20 mins                                      COOK 1 Hour

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**RIDGELANDS HALL NEWS**

The President and members of the Ridgelands Hall Committee would like to thank the Ridgelands Rodeo Committee for the opportunity to cater at their annual camp draft held over the Easter weekend. This is a major fund raising venture for the hall. Thanks to the non-committee members that helped out at any time during the week-end. Your assistance is greatly appreciated by the skeleton staff which represents our committee. Thanks also to the public for their patronage.

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**JOKES:**

Question: What do you call a Boomerang that doesn't come back?

Answer: A Stick.

Question: What do you get if you cross a kangaroo with an elephant?

Answer: Bloody big holes all over Australia

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# What's happening this month?

## Meetings

### QCWA

Ridgeland 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 District Rate Payers Asscn

Meetings are held quarterly, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Next meeting is at the Alton Downs Hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> August. Last meeting for the year will be held at the Ridgeland Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The Northern District rate payers asscn. Covers the areas of Pink Lilly, Alton Downs, Ridgeland, Morinish, Dalma, South Yaamba, Glenroy and Garnant.

## Meetings

Alton Downs Anzac Day committee will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 12 June at 7.00 p.m. at the Alton Downs Hall.

If you would like to be part of the organising committee please come along. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

If you have any ideas on how we can improve our Dawn Service please let us know.

## 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

## 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

## Celebrations



Happy Birthday to everyone who is having a birthday.

Ken Stewart  
Merle Smith  
Kay Milner  
Phil O'Neill  
Adam Bull

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## New Arrivals

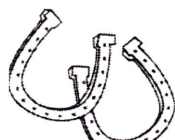
Jemma Lorelei Joy Cranston was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> May to Jeff and Sonia Cranston. Sister for Thomas and William

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## Events

### Indoor Bowls

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





# Ridgeland State School

## News & Upcoming Events

Our School Captains for 2012 are Ellie and Joshua . Vice Captains are Pagen and Travis . House captains are Dragons— Israel , Unicorns—Jayden and Hunter . Our Student Councillors for this year include: Alisha , Daniel , Casey , Patrick , Shara , Connor , Nate and Ethan. Badges were presented last term by past School Captains Kelsey West and Luke Stanke.

This term has been eventful with excursions to Beef 2012, Naplan Testing, Rockhampton Eisteddfod and completing work for the CWA International Day . This term also saw the students competing in our annual sports carnival, in which the Unicorns won the Ball Games - Staff Shield and Dragons won the Athletics Beckman's Panel Works Shield and The Frankish Family Trophy for overall points. Champion Girl's trophy was won by Pagen and Champion Boy went to Israel . A new record went to Nate for 8 years boy's discus.

During the holidays the 2/3/4 and 5/6/7 classrooms had window tinting applied to their windows to stop the glare on computer screens and electronic whiteboards. This was made possible by the fundraising efforts of our P&C.

Thank you to the community for supporting our Mother's Day Raffle. 1st Prize went to K. Thompson, 2nd went to D. Deem and 3rd to F. Finucan.

We are collecting Earn & Learn stickers from Woolworths again this year. Last year we received some great prizes such as a Mathematical Volume Set which most students of the school have used in their maths lessons this year. Please support us again this year by collecting these stickers and sending them to the school. We are very grateful for your support.

If anybody would like to receive the school newsletter via email please email the school on:

[the.principal@ridgelanss.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@ridgelanss.eq.edu.au) or phone with your details on 49345518.

### POLOCROSSE IN JULY 2012

The first Polocrosse playing season at Alton Downs started 1965 with Bob, Bill and Carol Boys; Bob Steggall and Alex Reid as the team. Alex started coaching Polocrosse in 1979 and in 1986 he began a National Coach for Queensland and has held this position almost every year since. He and wife Carol are Life Members of the Queensland Polocrosse Association.

**Alton Downs is hosting a ZONE OF ORIGIN** – a first for Qld. **The Carnival is on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July.** There are 6 different Zones and 40 teams are expected for the event. The visitors will be staying at the Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sports Club. Meals will be available and Bar will be open. On Saturday night there will be entertainment. You are welcome to come and support our team and watch the games.

If you have any questions about this, phone Alex Reid between 7-9pm on 4934 1124



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### Marriage & Civil Celebrant

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# RIDGELANDS SHOW

Starts 8:00 am

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012

## SHOW DAY ENTERTAINMENT

Throughout the day: 9:00 am – 6:00pm

Stage Entertainment

*Proudly Sponsored by:* Arrow Energy

Ridgeland State School Choir – singing 'Fireflies'

Fashion Parade – Soaked Swimwear

Horse works driven Chaff Cutter Display

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Chainsaw Carving

Liberty Horses Performances

Baton Twirlers

Show Bags & Fairy Floss

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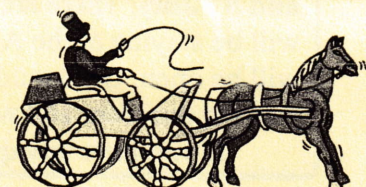
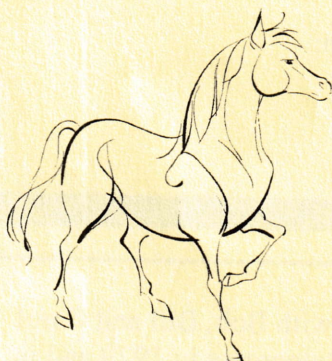
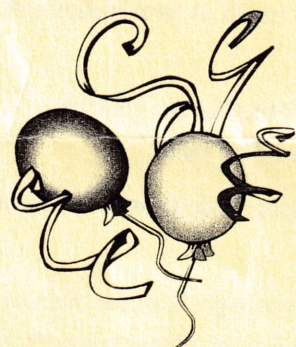
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**30 Years**