



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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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.

100th Edition.

This is our 100th Newsletter, which means it has been circulating in our community for 9 years. In that time we have seen Droughts, floods and many other changes. We hope that everyone continues to enjoy our stories, community news, recipe corner and other tips and we welcome any feedback. If you have a great story that you would like to share, please send us an email or contact us by phone. These articles are what keep a community in touch with one another, especially when we all work long hours and have very little spare time.

FREE BUSHFIRE INFORMATION SESSION

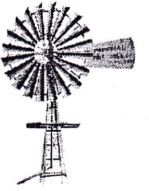
Are you a new resident in the Alton Downs area?

There seems to be more and more people discovering the appeal of bush living within a short distance to a major city centre. Some of the joys of country living are tinged with the greater threat of bushfire, with some recent fires causing heartbreak to residents in the district. Now is the time to act, with a special bushfire information session presented by the QLD Fire and Rescue Service in conjunction with the Rockhampton Regional Council on Saturday 30 June, 10am-1pm at the Alton Downs Hall. Come along and find out how you can prepare for the bushfire season during the cooler winter months, and book a Free Bushfire Survival Plan Assessment of your property with QFRS representatives.

The information sessions previously run in the Hall have been great events to attend and provide an opportunity of meeting new people in the area. Tuck into a sausage sizzle too. Please RSVP to Council on phone 1300 22 55 77.

DANCING with the STARS

The recent star-studded cast on Dancing with the Stars sashaying across the dance floor on the TV may have inspired you to shimmy and shake to music in the comfort of your home. Did you know that regular Old Time dances take place at the Alton Downs Hall with some pretty stylish dance moves shown by dancers? There may be young dancers in the community who are keen to learn to dance, but just need to find a dance partner. Please call Ann-Maree on 0412-653918 (ah) if you are in high school and would love to try dancing.



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<p>Celebrant Marriage and Civil Jill C Fry, JP Qual Ph 49 341444</p>
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RECIPE CORNER.

Potato and Bacon Fritters

750g potato, peeled, grated, excess moisture removed.

2 rindless bacon rashers, chopped

2 eggs beaten

¼ cup self raising flour

¼ cup grated parmesan

1 tablespoon milk

Place all ingredients in a bowl. Mix well. Season to taste. Shape mixture into 8 rounds. In a large frying pan heat 90g butter and ¼ cup of olive oil. Cook fritters 3-4 minutes each side, until crisp and golden. Drain on paper towel. Serve topped with poached eggs and a dollop of sour cream.

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to the community for supporting our Ridgeland's Show Raffle. 1st Prize went to Kevin Thompson and 2nd went to Denise Deem. We would like to thank Candy Stems for kindly donating the lovely chocolate arrangement. During May the school choir performed at this year's Rockhampton Eisteddfod and placed third. They also proudly entertained the crowd at the Ridgeland's Show. Monday 18th June commencing at 9am is our Redback Parade for this term where students receive recognition for upholding the eight values of our school. Our year 7 students will receive their year 7 shirts as well. Parents and community members are most welcome to a-end and stay for morning tea.

The school term finishes on Friday 22nd June and commences on Monday 9th July. There is no Pupil Free Day for term 3. We are excited to be taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Last year we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you. From now until July 1 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it to school and drop them into the collection box located at the office. There is also a collection box located at Woolworths Allenstown. The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7000 educational resources. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please phone the school. We are also collecting the Coles Sports for School Vouchers as well as the 'Pauls' Collect a Caps. Please keep Saturday 25th August free for our annual Country Fair.



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POSITIONS VACANT

Casual school bus driver required – Alton Downs/Ridgelands area, one hour (1 hr) Morning and Afternoon. If interested, please phone Debra on mobile 0438 761 772

GARDENING TIPS - Recycling and reusing Plastic soft drink bottles.

Here are five great ways to reuse soft drink bottles in the garden:

1. To control possums, cut off the top and bottom of the bottle, slice the remainder of the bottle lengthwise and slip it around trunks and/or branches. Possums can't get a grip, so it makes your tree unclimbable.
2. Cut the bottom off a plastic bottle and you can use it as a funnel.
3. Tape an inverted funnel to the top of another bottle, attach it with wire to a post in the garden, make some marks on the side and you have yourself a handy homemade rain gauge.
4. Fill plastic drink bottles with sand and pebbles and tie them to fruit tree branches to train them downwards.
5. Cut the tops off plastic drink bottles, drill some holes in the base for drainage and you've made your own pots.

From the garden guru by Phil Dudman

There is a new Coffee & Lolly shops opened in Wandal and if you have not already been to visit, I highly recommend that you do. They have wonderful homemade biscuits, slices, cakes, pies and meals, as well as a great selection of chocolates. So treat yourself next time you are in town shopping.



Confectionery Cafe

Chocolates, homemade cakes, lollies, coffee

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We look forward to seeing you.

**Celebrate International Joke Day
on 1 July**

Q. Why did the cow cross the road?

A. To get to the udder side

*A lot of money is tainted
'taint yours and 'taint mine*

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Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft, and I'll show you A-flat minor.



What's happening this month?

Meetings

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 6th August. Last meeting for the year will be held at the Ridgелands Hall on the 5th November.

The Northern District rate payers asscn. Invites all residence in the areas of Pink Lilly, Alton Downs, Ridgелands, Morinish, Dalma, South Yaamba, Glenroy and Garnant.

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he Ridgелands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc meet every second Wednesday of each month. Next meeting will be 18th July at the Ridgелands Show Grounds.

RIDDLES:

What is the science teacher's favourite dog?
A Lab.
How do you fix a broken tomato?
Tomato Paste

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

Events

Indoor Bowls

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

QCWA

Ridgелands 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

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to everyone who is having a birthday.

Greg Thomspson
Jeff Thompson
Merv Moore
Ashley Moore
Kelly Shepherd
George Tyrell
Edgar Frankish
Georgia Bull



Congratulations to Cameron and Kate Chippendale on the arrival of Evelyn Grace, sister for Connor.



Our best wishes go out to Neville and Kay Milner, Greg Dyer and Jean Shannen. We hope you are feeling better.

JOKE:

First you forget names
Then you forget faces.
Then you forget to pull up your zip..
It's worse when
You forget to pull it down.