

Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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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.

A tribute to Gloria May Bills – December 21, 1947 – August 19, 2012 - A courageous lady who lived her life to the full as written by her daughters Lara, Neralee and Kerrie.

Most people when confronted with a diagnosis of cancer go into a state of shock – not Gloria Bills of Alton Downs. Gloria packed her bag and began travelling around Australia. Mum said “yes I have cancer, but I am not going to let it hold me back”. “That was her whole attitude to life”, Gloria’s daughter Kerrie said.

Gloria hopped into her motor home and drove to Cairns to visit family. On her return trip she collected her three daughters – Lara, Neralee and Kerrie and headed south to Newcastle, Ballarat and the Great Ocean Road, calling into hospitals for chemo along the way.

Gracemere Croquet Club president Greg Fearstone described Gloria as “a lovely lady and an enthusiastic croquet player and club secretary”. He said she first became interested in gold croquet five years ago when she took her father along to Rockhampton Croquet Club. Two years ago Gloria began playing with Gracemere Croquet Club and due to her enthusiasm soon found herself a club secretary. “Gloria was a very competent secretary and did everything with great enthusiasm”, Greg said.

Gloria was born in Innisfail in 1947 to May and Roy Phillips and grew up at Wangan, North Queensland. At an early age Gloria showed her strength of character by protecting her younger brother Seth at school. She also formed lifelong friendships at school.

Gloria’s parents instilled in her a love of camping and fishing. After high school she worked as a dressmaker. She married and later the family moved to Weipa. Weipa proved a wonderful place to raise her three daughters who enjoyed tennis, golf and swimming. Gloria was a natural sportswoman. Fishing and camping were not just holidays but a way of life. “We had an absolutely great time” said daughter Kerrie. We were also probably the only kids at school with a personal seamstress outfitting us. Gloria made her daughter’s wedding dresses and those of their bridal parties.





When Gloria moved to the Rockhampton area she studied for a Diploma for Biological Techniques, while working and raising three daughters. "To this day I do not know how she did that. She managed to pass with honours and distinctions", her daughters said. She said at the time they did not fully appreciate their mother's dedication and strength of character, and only as adults did they truly understand what an amazing woman she was.

When Gloria met and married her second husband, a new life on the land opened up. She learnt to weld, mend fences, raise stock, milk cows and make her own butter. Gloria had an infectious personality and shared it with all through her active participation in croquet, dragon boat racing and local sewing groups. She made her battle with cancer seem effortless, refusing to let it limit her plans and dreams and she shared her journey with others. Her sense of humour and resilience shone through in the last months of her life. Gloria lost her battle with cancer on August 19, aged 64.

Story as appeared in Morning Bulletin – 7th September.

Thank you Gloria for being our ice cream lady at the Ridglands Show and for being such a wonderful friend to everyone.

Recipe Corner

Spinach and Asparagus Bake

Ingredients: -

- 1x400g cream of asparagus soup
 - 3 eggs, separated
 - 150g packet frozen spinach, thawed and drained
 - 2 green onions, finely chopped
 - ½ cup grated cheddar cheese
- Preheat oven to moderate.

Lightly grease a shallow 4-5 cup oven dish.

Method:

- Heat soup in saucepan until almost boiling.
- Remove from heat.
- In a bowl, beat egg-yolks lightly. Stir in soup, spinach and onion.
- In a small bowl, beat egg-whites until stiff peaks form.
- Lightly fold into soup mixture.
- Spoon mixture into prepared dish. Sprinkle with cheese.
- Bake 15-20 minutes, until puffed and golden.



REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF)
Are you looking for funding?

Financial assistance is offered for innovative arts projects beginning after Tuesday 13 November 2012.
Applications close Tuesday 2 October 2012 at 4pm


For more information visit www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au

To arrange an individual information session to discuss your project please contact: Deb Purser 4936 8529
email di-RADF@rrc.qld.gov.au

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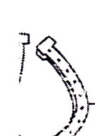


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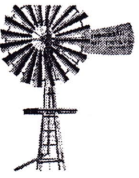
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50TH GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations go out to Sid & Bernice Hoare of "Queema" Alton Downs celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 15 where they were married in the old St Vincent's Church on Saturday 15th 1962.

Sid and Bernice will celebrate with family and friends at a luncheon on the 15th at the C Q Bid Club.

Congratulations also go out to their daughter and son-in-law Janelle & Matthew McCamley also celebrating their 25th Silver wedding anniversary. Janelle and Matthew were married in the new St Vincent's church at Wandal on September 12th 1987.

On behalf of the entire community we would like to wish both couple a wonderful day for your celebrations with family and friends and may the coming years be blessed with health, happiness and laughter.

Testing your brain!

To test your mental acuity, answer the following questions (no peeking at the answers!):

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
2. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
3. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
4. If you were running a race and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?

Okay, some of these are a bit corny. But they all illustrate several brain idiosyncrasies that affect how we make decisions in the world.

Thanks to the way our brain works, we have a very strong tendency to see what we want to see and what we expect to see. Our brain doesn't like information gaps, so we tend to jump at the first answer/solution that looks good rather than take the time to examine all the data. This is especially true in a world where we receive more information every day than we have time to assimilate. Finally, our brains love to see patterns and make connections. This trait serves us well in many ways as we move through the world. But the brain doesn't always get it right.

For example, how did you answer question #1 (be honest)? For most people, the first word that pops into their head is "June," because the brain quickly spots the April/May/June pattern. Upon re-reading the question and analyzing the data, the answer "Johnny" becomes obvious.

Get in the habit of teasing your brain. You'll be amazed at what you end up seeing that you didn't see before.

Answers:

1. Johnny
2. Mt Everest. It just wasn't discovered yet.
3. There's no dirt in a hole.
4. 2nd place. You passed the person in 2nd place, not 1st.

In October in history...

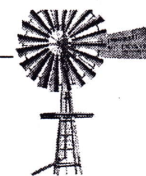
October 1, 1908 - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 13, 1884 - Greenwich was established as the universal time from which standard times throughout the world are calculated.

October 21, 1915 - The first transatlantic radio voice message was made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company from Virginia to Paris.

October 26, 1881 - The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, occurred between the feuding Clanton and Earp families. Wyatt Earp, two of his brothers and "Doc" Holliday gunned down two Clantons and two others.





Rockhampton Regional Council news:

Introducing Friday Morning Classic Movies @ the Library

If you're a fan of movies such as *Casablanca*, *Singin' in the rain*, *Some like it hot* and *Gone with the wind*, then you're in for a treat. Starting on September 28, a movie from the TCM (Turner Classic Movies) channel on Austar will be screened in the comfortable air-conditioned Fitzroy Room at the Rockhampton Regional Library. Movies will be then be shown on the last Friday morning of each month.

Buy morning tea and a cuppa from the Library cafe, and enjoy a relaxed morning reviving movie memories. The TCM channel presents the greatest motion pictures of all time from one of the largest film libraries in the world.

Robert Montgomery and John Wayne star in the 1945 black and white movie classic "*They were expendable*", which will air at 10am on September 28 at the Rockhampton Regional Library, 230 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton.

This exciting story features a Navy commander who fights to prove the battle-worthiness of the PT boat at the start of World War II.

No bookings are required for the event. For more information, contact the Libraries' Administration office on phone 49368043.

WIMPY OLYMPICS

If you are a fan of the Wimpy Kid series of books, come along to a special 'Wimpy Olympics' to be held at the Rockhampton Regional Library and North Rockhampton Library during the school holidays. Join in some seriously cool activities for ages 6-12 and go in the draw to win great prizes. Quizzes*Action games*Olympic book races * Colouring competition.

* Tuesday 25 September (10am – 11am) Rockhampton Regional Library

* Thursday 27 September (10am – 11am) Rockhampton North Library

* Friday 28 September (2pm – 3pm) Rockhampton Regional Library

* Wednesday 3 October (10am -11am) Rockhampton Regional Library

* Friday 5 October (2pm – 3pm) Rockhampton Regional Library

For bookings please call the Libraries' Administration office on 4936 5265

THE TOP SECRET STORYTELLERS CLUBHOUSE is coming to a library near you!

Join in the fun of the Brisbane Writer's Festival with some free literary events for families. Sessions are free and open to all.

* Thursday 18 October (10-11am) Rockhampton Regional Library

Illustrating children's books with GUS GORDON

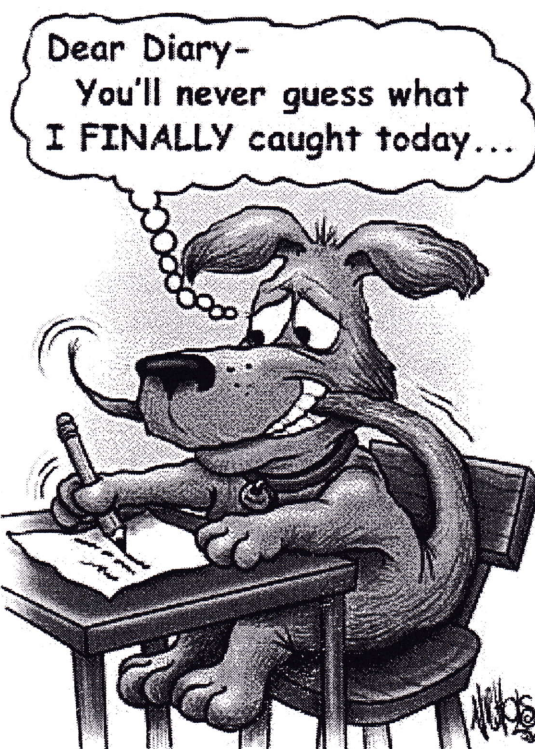
Interested in illustrating books for children? This is an event not to be missed. Gus is touring the region as part of the Brisbane Writers' Festival and will be speaking on:

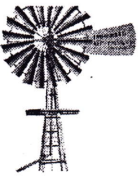
* Thursday 18 October (4pm-5pm) Rockhampton Regional Library Phone 49368043

Be early to reserve your spot as seats will be limited.

A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says: "Ugh, that's the ugliest baby I've ever seen!" The woman walks to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her: "The driver just insulted me!" The man says: "You go up there and tell him off. Go on, I'll hold your monkey for you."

Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his mobile phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps: "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator says: "Calm down, I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a shot is heard. Back on the phone, the guy says: "OK, now what?"





Ridgeland's State School



The Ridgeland's Country Fair for 2012 proved to be a very successful and rewarding experience for the school. A massive thanks to everyone involved in the planning, set up, organising, preparing, cooking, cleaning, pack up and money counting for the day, without these efforts the fair simply would not occur and the funds raised would be sorely missed by the school. It was great to see the community involvement in the day, particularly in the bucking bull competition and multi draw raffle, your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Gloria Bills

Many of you would be familiar with Gloria Bills "The Ice Cream Lady" who provided the school with ice creams each and every fair and break-up day for many years. Gloria recently lost her battle with cancer. As a show of support to her family the school held a fund raiser for the Ovarian Cancer Institute in her memory, by selling Ice cream cones on Thursday 6th September for 50c. Thank-you to Mrs Stanke, who kindly donated the ice cream and cones. All funds raised will go to assist others affected by this disease.

Improved Results

Mr Carlson treated all students to free pizza for lunch as a reward for the hard work and effort the students have put into their home reading, improving their results in the Pat—R comprehension tests earlier this term and to congratulate many of our students who have fulfilled the requirements for the Premier's Reading Challenge by reading 15 or 20 books!

The Billabong Prank

This year instead of having the usual end of year concert, we are very excited to present a whole school Musical "The Billabong Prank". "The Billabong Prank" is a dinky-di aussie musical created by Jan McLean & Doug Williams for primary age school children. It is a comedy about how the legend of the well-known Australian song Waltzing Matilda began. All of our students will be involved by taking part in either a speaking role or dancing and singing roles.

The musical will be performed at the Ridgeland's Hall on Friday 7th December.

The duration of the performance is about an hour in length. The hall will be set up and decorated for a wedding reception. We are hoping to provide a meal before the performance starts. The musical performance will be used to raise funds to help cover the cost of this production. Tickets will go on sale in term 4.

Student enrolments

If you are looking for a small school with a caring, nurturing, safe, supportive and positive learning in a bush setting, 30 minutes northwest of Rockhampton, Ridgeland's State School is the answer.

Our core business is teaching and learning with a focus on literacy, numeracy and science. This is all delicately balanced with providing physical, social and emotional competence, creativity and innovation. The sense of community is vital as we know that the influence on a child's learning is generally accepted as being 50% from home, 40% from the teacher and 10% from the school.

Essential to effective learning is a safe, supportive and disciplined environment that respects:

- * The rights of teachers to teach;
- * The rights of students to learn; and
- * The rights of all to be safe.

At Ridgeland's, we recognise the significance of appropriate and meaningful relationships that enables all students to achieve their full potential.

Please consider Ridgeland's State School when making your decision for schooling.

We are now taking enrolments for 2013 Prep to Year 7. If you are interested in enrolling students, enrolment packs are available from the school office or phone: 49345518 and we will send you one. We are looking forward to seeing lots of new faces in 2013.





What's happening this month?

Meetings

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

Fitzroy Northern Area Rate

Payers Asscn

Meetings are held quarterly, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Next meeting is 5th November at the Ridgелands Hall. The Fitzroy Northern area rate payers asscn covers the areas of Pink Lily, Alton Downs, Ridgелands, Morinish, Dalma, South Yaamba, Glenroy, Garnant.

FARADAY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Annual General Meeting and Ratepayers meeting for Faraday Rural Fire Levy will be held at Ridgелands Hall, 7.30 pm Friday, 2 November, 2012.

New volunteer members always welcome, free training and equipment provided. Lynda Harding, 49 34 5648

If you would like to view the Around the Ridges newsletter on the internet, it can be viewed at www.andy.com.au/fitzroyridges/

DATE CLAIMER –

Ridgелands Hall Christmas karaoke, Saturday November 24th 2012.

Events

Alton Down Hall Association

Dances

1st December, 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.

Indoor Bowls

Held 1st Saturday of every month at Alton Downs 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 Ridgелands State School P&C to hire chairs for functions. Ph 49 345518

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to everyone who is having a birthday in the community.
Fiona Peterson
Greg Dyer
Lachlan Hunt
Joshua Hunt

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mervyn Ohi. Our thoughts are with you.

New Office Bearers. QCWA

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SUCCESS: Getting what you want.

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A: Because it ran out of juice!

Q: What did the evil chicken lay?

A: Devilled eggs!



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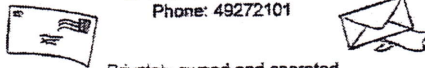
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