

# Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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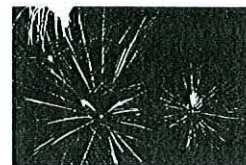
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We want to hear them!!!! Please send your story, as you are a valued part of our community and this newsletter.

## Happy New Year and welcome to 2013

We hope that everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and you are all ready for a new year of excitement and adventure. If you have made New Year resolutions we hope they are going well for you. Our New Year wish for everyone is that it has rained since our last newsletter.



A New Year can mean different things for different people – weddings, welcoming a new baby into the family, planning a holiday. Whatever your dreams and goals are for 2013, the "Around the Ridges" team wish everyone a safe and healthy year ahead.

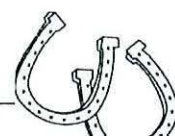
The Ridgeland Hall Committee held a Christmas Karaoke on the 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. The night was a great success with patrons enjoying a meal of roast pork and beef with roast vegetables followed by sweets.

Thanks to everyone for their attendance and also thanks to the volunteers for their help in serving the meal. Thank you to the ladies for selling the tickets at the door.

Thanks to Denis Lindley for organising the auction, the donors for the auction items and of course the buyers for their support. Thanks also to the auctioneer, David Francis for a job well done. Thank you to Santa who just happened to arrive at the right time to distribute presents to the children.

A big thankyou to the participants in the Karaoke for providing the entertainment for the night. See you all next year.

*The Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc has recently been successful in obtaining a Community Grant through funding provided by the Rockhampton Regional Council. This grant will assist in the purchase of 8 glass display cabinets for the Walters Pavilion. The Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc would like to sincerely thank the Rockhampton Regional Council for the opportunity to apply for this grant. Stewart Jones – President.*







## Cooking Corner

### MOCK CHICKEN

#### Ingredients:

1 tomato  
1 onion  
1 teaspoon mixed herbs  
1 egg  
Salt and pepper

#### Method:

Cut up finely tomato and onion, add salt and pepper.  
Cook until tender, add mixed herbs and cook for 3 minutes.  
Beat egg and add, cook until it thickens.

### FRENCH ONION DIP

Beat 250g cream cheese add 1 tablespoon milk, 1 tablespoon French onion soup mix and 1 tablespoon of finely grated cheese.  
As an alternative replace the soup mix with relish or chutney.

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## 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

Australia Day Cricket match, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January, Ridgelands Show Grounds – Everyone welcome.

### Community Notices

#### Alton Downs Hall Committee

To book community hall please contact Booking Officer, Sid Hoare on 49 341147.

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T Hoare 49 34 1493

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#### Chair Hire

Contact the Ridgelands State School P&C to hire chairs for functions.

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### Celebrations

#### January Birthdays

Andrew Hunt

Stephaine Ruddick  
Jacqueline Fossett  
Robyn Edmiston

### New Arrivals



Congratulations to Jonathon and Bianca on the safe arrivals of their second son Harrison Andrew on 17<sup>th</sup> December – 8lb 1 oz.

Third grandson for Philip and Robyn O'Neill.

*What walks all day on its head? A nail in a horse shoe.*

*You're never too old to learn something stupid.*

*Q. What did the fish say when he swam into the wall?*

*A. Dam!*

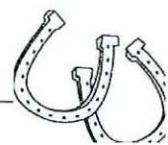
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## Preparing your property

Preparing your home before a disaster is due to impact on you and your property is vital as you might not have enough warning to get it all done beforehand.



### PREPARE YOUR HOME

- Ensure your roof is in good condition and checked regularly
- Keep gutters and downpipes clear of debris
- Trim trees and overhanging branches close to the house.
- Report any branches overhanging powerlines
- Identify and fix structural issues such as corrosion, rotten timber, termite infestations and loose fittings
- Clear away rubbish and unimportant items in your yard such as sheets of iron, garden waste or timber.

Remember that a disaster may strike while you are on holidays, so make sure you have plans in place and are fully prepared before you go. You may not always be on hand to react, so be aware and be prepared. If you are going on holidays, it is a good idea to empty, clean and unplug the refrigerator and freezer and leave the doors open. This should avoid food spoilage problems if the power fails. You should also switch off the hot water system at the main switchboard. Also unplug your electrical equipment to avoid damage caused by possible power surges.

**RESOURCES:** Household Emergency Plan – [www.disaster.qld.gov.au](http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au) | Disasters Happen DVD – [www.ro.qld.gov.au](http://www.ro.qld.gov.au)

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## WELCOME TO KELLIE AND ANDREW

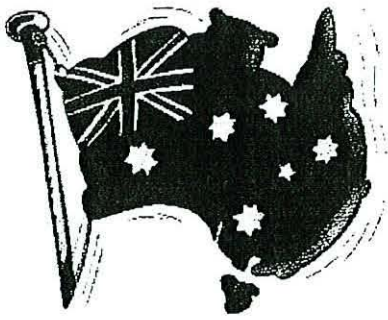
I am taking this opportunity to introduce our Granddaughter Kellie Kime and her fiancée Andrew Clarke to the community. Kellie would be known to a lot of people as she attended the Ridgeland school, took part in the tennis fixtures and was a familiar sight at the shows, parading cattle in the dairy ring. Andrew on the other hand is new to the district. He hails from the Gulf where his parents have property in the Burketown area. They met while working on Frankfield Station, 90 kilometres north of Clermont, and have been an item ever since.

Their dreams were shattered eighteen months ago when they were involved in a vehicle accident. Andrew, aged 24, suffered spinal injuries and has been confined to a wheelchair ever since. He spent four weeks in the Townsville Hospital before he was transferred to the P.A. Hospital in Brisbane where he was to spend a further eight months. During that time he had a couple of short visits home to Woodstock. Kellie has been his primary carer since the accident, so has spent countless hours at the hospitals.

In August, 2012, they travelled to the United States of America for Andrew to have treatment at a spinal injuries clinic called "Project Walk". Andrew underwent extensive rehabilitation exercise for three months. His core strength and balance improved greatly and when assisted to a standing position his legs were capable of holding his weight. They are hoping to return to "Project Walk" in 2013 for advanced treatment to further Andrew's chance of walking.

They are going to be living in the Garnant area so Kellie has come back home, but it is all new to Andrew. I hope when you meet him you will realise, to use a phrase Andrew once told some mates (who seemed to be stuck for words) when they first visited him in hospital "I may not be able to walk boys, but I can still talk".

Written by Margaret Stewart (Grandmother)



# AUSTRALIA DAY CRICKET

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Help us raise much needed funds for a young man, Andrew Clarke, in his quest to walk again after being seriously injured in a car accident. Andrew is soon going to be a local and is the fiancé to Kelly Kime, who grew up in our community.

Where: Ridgeland's Showgrounds

When: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Come along, by yourself or with family and friends. \$5.00 nomination to play and you will draw a number to join your cricket team. Meet new people and enjoy a fun afternoon of good ol' social cricket. Grab a bat, grab a pie, grab a cool drink and have a great time!



Nominations: 1.30 pm

Cricket Start: 2.00 pm

Pie van on site & licenced bar available



When cricket is done & dusted, join us for a night of entertainment



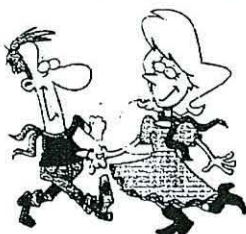
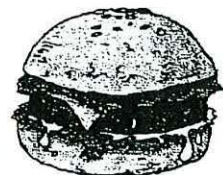
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