

Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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Anzac Day - 25th April 2013

Anzac Day marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months.

At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated, after both sides had suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers had been killed. News of the landing on Gallipoli had made a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who had died in the war.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign left us all a powerful legacy.

The creation of what became known as the "ANZAC legend" became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways they viewed both their past and their future.

(www.awm.gov.au)

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest we forget."*

On behalf of the Alton Downs and Combined District Remembrance Committee, we would like to invite everyone to attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service at 4.27am at the Alton Downs Hall. Please join us afterwards for the Gunfire breakfast in the hall.

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 local events must be submitted two months in advance.

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.





Easter

The Around the Ridges Committee would like to wish their readers a Holy and Safe Easter, and trust that you all have a wonderful time with family and friends. Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. The Easter Triduum consists of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. As with other Christian festivals, the celebration of Easter extends beyond the church. Since its origins, it has been a time of celebration and feasting and many Traditional Easter games and customs developed, such as egg rolling, egg tapping, Pace egging and egg decorating.

Did you know... in Cyprus, as well as the common painted easter egg bump, it is customary for people to light great fires in schools or church yards. The fires are made up of scrap wood, gathered usually by over-enthusiastic young boys who scour their neighborhoods for them, in order to make their fire as great as it can be (and bigger than the neighboring one). More than often this competition leads to fights happening over scraps of wood and the police or fire department being called to put out the fires that have gone out of control. It is customary for a small doll representing Judas Iscariot, to be burnt.



Queensland Country Women's Association

Ridgeland Branch

Are Hosting a
MOTHER DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Ridgeland Community Hall

Sunday 5th May 2013 at 1.30pm

\$10.00 (Adults)

Children under 5 years Free

Lucky Door Prize, Raffles, Multi-Draws,

Prize for the Pretty and Unusual Corsage

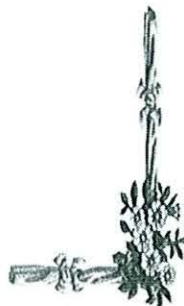
Money raised is donation to the

Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service

Contract

Hillary Chippendale 49345125

Joyce Chippendale 49345120



Q. Why did the man put his money in the freezer?

A. He wanted cold hard cash!

Q. What did the spiny ant eater say to the cactus?

A. "Is that you mummy?"

Housecleaning

Brilliant housecleaner available in Gracemere, Alton Downs and surrounding areas.

Available now for basic housekeeping.

Resume & references if required.

Ph: Glenda

0428 180 451





FITZROY RIVER FLOOD HISTORY AND EFFECTS

We are pleased to bring the community the information below as a result of last month's Around the Ridges.

Height (m)	Past results and probable effects in Rockhampton
4.57	Riverbank car parks closed
4.80	Water laps the sand wharf deck
6.20	Water on Roopes Bridge decking
6.55	Water enters racecourse
6.60	3 houses affected in Depot Hill – gully traps sealed off
6.86	Water laps edge of bitumen on Lakes Creek Road
7.00	Minor flood level
7.15	Water covers Gavial Creek wharf deck
7.50	Moderate flood level
7.50	Pink Lily water spreads near aerodrome, water over Wood St River breaks at bend
7.55	Water laps Yeppen Crossing
7.70	Water over Pink Lily road
7.75	Thozet Rd closes, water laps decking of bridge to West R'ton Sewerage Treatment Plant
7.90	Water onto Ridgeland Road - Road closed between 8 – 8.1m
8.20	Water onto Von Allmen Road
8.25	May 1983 flood level
8.30	Water onto Ridgeland Road
8.40	March 1988 flood level
8.50	Major flood level
8.80	Approximate level of airport closure (fixed wing)
9.30	January 1991 flood level
9.40	February 1954 flood level
10.11	February 1918 flood level

The main heights are

7.5m – river breaks at the bend (water can be seen in the grass at the river's edge)

7.7m – water onto Ridgeland road near Pink Lily Sands Road. Road Closed at approx 8.0m

8.2m water over Ridgeland Road between Lion Creek bridge and Six Mile road. Road Closed at approx 8.3

Many thanks to Len & Lyn Milne, Karen Salmon and Neil Richardson for sending information through.



QCWA Ridgeland Branch are hosting knitting, crochet, cookery, floral art and photography on Tuesday 16th April at 9.00am at the QCWA rooms, Ridgeland.
All welcome.





Get on board with Buy Smart

Member for Mirani is calling on local kids to get creative and submit an entry in the Queensland Government's 2013 Buy Smart competition for a chance to win \$1500 for their school.

The annual competition for students in Years 4 to 12 invites them to research a consumer issue and present it to their peers in the most creative way possible.

"Last year we saw rap songs, posters and drama presentations submitted as part of the competition, so we are expecting big things this year," Mr Malone said.

"If you consider 60 per cent of scams are delivered by phone or email, it's important for kids to be aware of their rights when so many of them have mobile phones these days.

"This competition is a great way for kids to learn about the marketplace, while also giving them creative freedom to have a bit of fun with their friends expressing what they have learnt.

"Schools and parents should also get on board and encourage their children to participate because there are really valuable lessons to be learnt."

Cash prizes totalling over \$11 000 are up for grabs in the competition's three categories: years 4-6, years 7-9, and years 10-12.

- first prize - \$500 for the entrant, \$1500 for the school or organisation
- second prize - \$200 for the entrant, \$800 for the school or organisation
- third prize - \$150 for the entrant, \$500 for the school or organisation

Students can enter individually or in groups of up to six through their school, community group, or other organisation.

"It would be great to see some prizes go to Mirani students, but obviously the most important thing is taking part and helping get that message across," he said.

"We had 881 participants across the state last year and it would be great to reach the 1,000 mark in 2013."

For more information on the Buy Smart Competition and to obtain an entry kit, visit

www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

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49561 555**

WORKSHOP

Introduction to Hebel Block Carving at Ridgeland

with Brendon Tohill

**Sunday 21 April 2013
10am to 4pm**

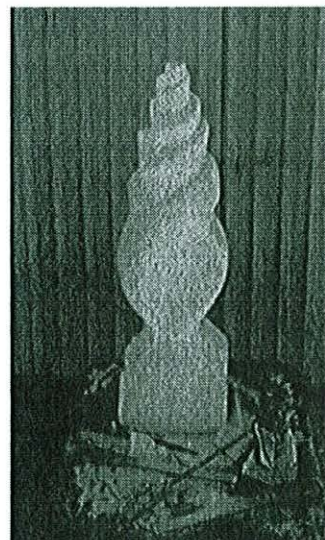
At this one-day Workshop, participants will have the opportunity to learn the techniques of carving hebel blocks.

Participants will work with blocks and tools to create a garden sculpture.

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

Brendon Tohill is a New Zealand sculptor, carving in wood & marble. His work has been displayed in many galleries and he has worked on many commissions. Brendon is a member of the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts.

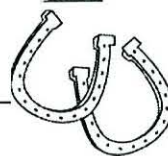
BYOLUNCH&OLDSHIRT



**To be held at
Ridgeland Showgrounds
Dalma/Ridgeland Road
Ridgeland**

**Cost \$30 includes Materials
Bookings 4927 4111**

**Rockhampton
Regional Council**





RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL NEWS

A lot has been happening at Ridgelands State School this term and we look forward to two more exciting weeks for Term 1.

I offer a special welcome to our new special needs teacher Mrs Julann Chippendale who is well known to the community. We are so pleased to have Mrs Julann Chippendale join our dedicated teaching team who will bring with her many years of experience. Mrs Chippendale will be at the school on Tuesdays.

Ridgelands State School has welcomed a new school program referred to as 'Football for Children' organised by professional qualified coaches who visit weekly. All students are thoroughly enjoying themselves while learning new skills in an action packed program. I'd like to congratulate all students on their tremendous behaviour during the sessions.

This year sees the start of our 'Breakfast Club' program and has been seen to be a great success. There was a marked improvement in student concentration levels across all classrooms. We eagerly look forward to every Monday's breakfast. We'd like to thank our wonderful 'Chappy' Damien for organising such a successful program.

Ridgelands School staff are very excited about our students being given the great opportunity by Education Queensland to be involved in 'Project 600' online reading program, as only selected schools were invited to participate. Seven students in year 5 are currently participating in the literacy based program, aimed at lifting IAPLAN reading results from middle bands to upper bands. Project 600 is an online learning program that develops the reading and comprehension skills of the selected students. Many students from state schools in the Central Queensland Region are taking part.

Last year our school families and community, tirelessly collected stickers for the school Woolworths rewards program. We were able to swap the wonderful total of 25067 stickers for some much needed resources for the school including measurement, time and fractions math kits as well as musical instruments. Thank you to everyone who collected stickers as this has helped our school resources out tremendously.

Yours in education

Julie Paddison

Acting Principal

Ridgelands State School



Cooking Corner

Fried Rice

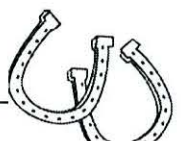
INGREDIENTS:

- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 150g bacon, finely chopped
- 125g baby corn, finely sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, finely sliced
- 4 cups cooked jasmine rice
- 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 4 green onions, finely sliced
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil



METHOD:

- 1 In a wok or large frying pan, heat 1 tablespoon oil on high until very hot. Pour in eggs, swirling over base and sides. Cook 2-3 minutes, until just set. Slide onto a board, roll up
- 2 Heat remaining oil in wok until very hot. Stir-fry bacon 2-3 minutes, and roughly chop, until crispy. Add corn and garlic. Stir-fry 1 minute.
- 3 Add rice to wok and stir, gently breaking up with spoon. Add peas, onion, soy and sesame oil. Stir-fry 3-4 minutes, until well combined and hot. Toss omelette through to serve.



What's Happening this month?

Meetings

QCWA

Ridgelands 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

Ridgelands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc.

Meet on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30 p.m. at the Ridgelands Show grounds.

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

Ph 49 345518

Playgroup

Held 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of every month.

9.00am – 11am Ridgelands State School. Everyone welcome.

For further information, please phone Katie Bull 4934 1805 or mobile 0418 563 237.

Celebrations

January Birthdays

Eden Chippendale

Congratulations



Best wishes go to Jason Rosenberg and Jody Fletcher on your engagement.

Events



Ridgelands Annual Easter Campdraft.

To be held at the Ridgelands Showgrounds, commencing 12.00 noon, Friday 29 March to Sunday 31st March.

Licensed Bar and Food

Live Entertainment Saturday Night. For further details phone Craig or Belinda Ellrott on 4934 5131 or 0408347190

Local Artist

Children's picture books

Local author Lyn Lawrence has recently had her third children's picture book published.

Elena's Dance is about an elephant who believes she is the best dancer her jungle animal friends have ever seen. One night,

her performance goes terribly wrong. She fears her dancing career is over! What can Elena Elephant do to reclaim her fame on the jungle stage and win back the applause of her audience?

Cost \$24.95

For more information about this book as well as Grandad's Gift (\$18.95) and Special (\$24.95), visit www.lynlawrencebooks.com or

email

enquiries@lynlawrencebooks.com

to place an order. Or contact 4934 1451 or mobile 0409002754.

COMMUNITY GROUPS & VENUES

Alton Downs & Combined Districts Remembrance Committee	
Hugh Chippendale	4934 5120
Ridgelands & District Sporting & Agricultural Assc Inc	
Peter Curtis	4934 1235
Alton Downs Hall Asscn Inc.	
S Hoare	4934 1147
Ridgelands & District Tennis Club	
V Duff - President	49345144
Court Bookings -	
R Chippendale	4934 5564
Alton Downs Polocrosse & Sport Club	
A & C Reid	4934 1124
Ridgelands Hall Committee	
K Milner	4934 5137
Alton Downs Pony Club	
Kare-anne Tamblyn	4934 1149
Ridgelands Rodeo Committee	
Craig Ellrott	4934 5131
Capricorn Field Archers	
S McFadzen	4936 2692
Stitch & Chat	
M Smith	4934 5142
Mornish Landcare Group	
J Ellrott	4934 5115
St Lukes Anglian Church (Ridgelands Branch)	
K Milner	4934 5137
Northern Area Ratepayers Asscn	
R Smith	4934 5145
John Knox Presbyterian Church	
B Rutherford	4937 3562
Queensland Country Women's Asscn.	
Hilary Chippendale	4934 5125
Waroula Equestrian Group	
Jacita Pritchard	4934 1334