

Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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Advertising for special 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.

RIDGELANDS HALL NEWS

The President and members of the Ridgeland Hall Committee wish to thank the Ridgeland Rodeo Committee for the opportunity to cater at their Annual campdraft held over the Easter weekend. This is a major boost to the financial viability of the Hall.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped the members of our Committee. This is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the public for their patronage.

DEADLINE TO AUSTRALIA POST REGULATIONS

Due to a change in the Australia Post regulations for our monthly mail out of the Around The Ridges newsletter, we have had to change our deadline for submissions to the 12th of each month. If you wish for something to be submitted in the newsletter for the month, please send it through to either aroundtheridges@hotmail.com or ring 4934 1192.

RIDGELANDS SHOW

The Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Assn Inc will be holding their annual show on 1st June 2013 with all the events of a good old fashioned Country Show. There will be cattle and horse events, Liberty Horse display, goat racing, cooking, horticultural, handicraft and photography competitions for all ages.

Live entertainment and country food will be served well into the night, along with show rides, show bags, Magic Show, Live Band - Shaken not Stirred - and best of all, for the first time, we'll be having Fire Works.

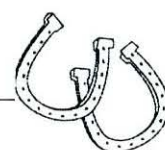
Bring your family along for a great day/night out with our admission cost only being \$6.00 adults and \$4.00 pensioners and high school students. Primary school students are free.

Your Budget

Rockhampton Region Mayor Margaret Strelow is seeking assistance from the community to figure out where savings can be made and which services are most important to the community. At the following sessions participants will be asked to answer a series of questions. Spaces are limited, so register now.

Monday 29 April 2013 **Alton Downs Hall** - 7pm to 8.30pm

To register for a session please either call **1300 22 55 77** or fill out the online RSVP form available on our website at www.rrc.qld.gov.au. Those who can't attend a session in person will have the opportunity to answer the same questions, either via a paper based survey or online





Local women awarded scholarships

Member for Mirani Ted Malone has congratulated Gabrielle Penna who is among the first to benefit from the Newman Government's Supporting Women Scholarships. Mr Malone said Gabrielle had been awarded a study scholarship of up to \$20,000 to help her to launch a new career in traditionally male dominated industries where skilled workers are needed.

"The Supporting Women Scholarship program is a practical way the Newman Government can help women gain qualifications in areas of high skill demand, including architecture, building services, agriculture, engineering, information technology and geology," Mr Malone said. "Gabrielle is among 126 women across the state to receive scholarships in this first round, and I wish her all the very best as she commences her studies this year." Gabrielle was judged on her merit and future potential as well as the local need for qualified workers in Agricultural Science.

"Selected from a competitive field of nearly 400 applicants, Gabrielle will use the scholarship money to help with study related costs such as program fees and course materials."

Mr Malone said it was great to see local residents embracing opportunities to learn new skills to fill job vacancies. "Gabrielle is from Alton Downs and is a school leaver enrolled to study Bachelor of Agricultural Science through the University of Queensland.

"I wish Gabrielle all the very best as she embarks on her studies and prepares to contribute her new skills and knowledge to a new industry."

Mr Malone said the Supporting Women Scholarship program would provide a total of 500 scholarships over four years. Applications for the next round of scholarships will open later this year. For more information, visit www.skills.qld.gov.au/supportingwomen.

Thanks to a Wonderful Community

Andrew and I would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us at the fundraiser. It was a fantastic night and as a result \$5,600 was raised for Andrew's benefit. This will be a big help.

Also to the people who were unable to make it on the night but have given donations, thank you so much. The community support has been fantastic.

Thanks to the Show Committee, Greg and Leonie Thompson and my Grandparents, Ken and Margaret Stewart for all their help.

We would also like to thank the Ridglands Campdraft Committee for allowing a raffle, for Andrew's benefit, to be held at their Easter Campdraft. Thanks go to our good friend, Dan, for organising this raffle and also to all the people who purchased tickets.

Hope to see you all around. Thanks again, Kellie and Andrew.

As Kellie's family we would like to thank the wonderful people of our community, near and far, for the support given to our young couple. Thanks to the volunteers for their help on the night of the function, whether it was the bar, the meal, the raffle or in some other way. I also want to offer our thanks to the I.T. experts for successfully running the power point display.

We would all like to apologise to the community for the delay in getting this message of appreciation across, but unknown to us the newsletter was printed ahead of time so our e-mail was too late to be included. Kellie and Andrew are settling in well and it is comforting to know they are in the midst of such a caring community.

Sincere thanks, Margaret.

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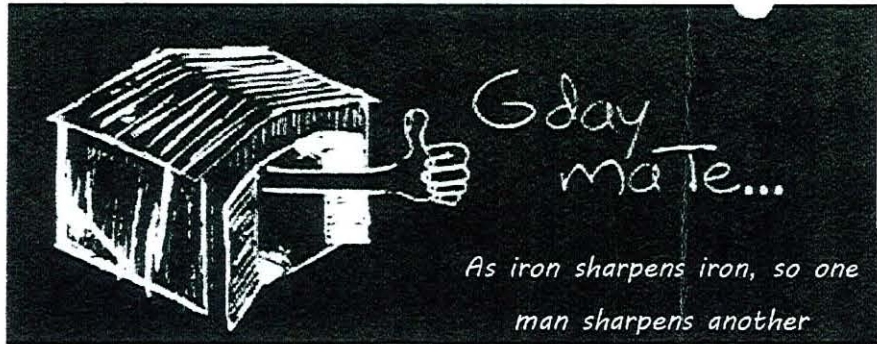
Alton Downs

Servicing all cars,

4WDs,

Trucks & Tractors





Tuesday 30 April 2013

Peter Foxwell's Shed

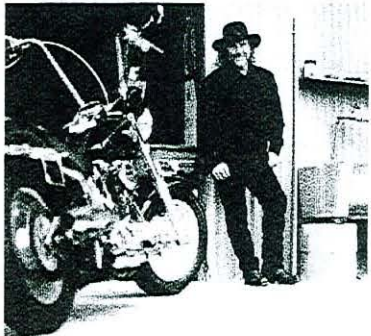
73 Nicholson Rd

ALTON DOWNS.

6.30-8.30 (Burgers on sharp at 630, night finished by 830)

Shed Night
For blokes

STEVE GRACE SHED NIGHT TOUR



Come and bring your mates, sons and grandsons to hear Steve's story and a bit of his music.

(See reverse for an intro)

A good burger, drinks and dessert for \$10

RSVP by 28 April 2013 for catering to:

Rick on 0439885956 or rick.whittle55@gmail.com or

Peter on 0429700039 or foxwellpl@bigpond.com

What are Shed Nights?

'Shed Nights' are the idea of Ian "Watto" Watson for providing an opportunity for blokes to meet and to bring their mates to meet Christian blokes and hear and talk about God outside of the normal church setting. It's nondenominational and there is no 'usual' church stuff. Typically, *Shed Nights* are organized informally by a group of local Christian blokes to provide a more relaxed way to mix with other blokes and to talk about serious as well as lighter issues of life. All men have a story – and it almost always includes both struggle and success. But often blokes feel alone and don't feel free to talk about the stuff that is eating their insides out, or about the good things that have happened to them. At *Shed Nights* men can find other blokes they can listen and talk to and find support and encouragement from, without judgement or ridicule. The nights are laid back and no-one will ask you to "share your feelings".

Check out <http://www.shednight.com> to see more about Shed Nights and read what blokes have had to say about it. ("Shed Nights" are different to *Men's Shed* activities).

Who is sponsoring this Shed Night?

This *Shed Night* is being organised by men from a number of Rockhampton churches. It is also a part of Steve Grace's *Shed Night Tour*. Because our prime goal is to help all blokes to know and follow Jesus personally, irrespective of denomination, blokes from all churches and those without a church affiliation are invited to come along.

Who is Steve Grace?

Steve Grace is an evangelist, and encourager and an adventurer. He is an Australian contemporary gospel artist with a heart for world missions and evangelism. Twenty five years ago Steve was driving trucks and singing in pubs. Answering the call of God, he has pioneered a concert touring ministry that has taken him to hundreds of cities and towns throughout Australia. The vision soon developed into an international ministry with opportunities to perform at concerts, festivals and conferences in the USA, Alaska, Papua New Guinea, Canada, Europe, Asia, India, Africa and the South Pacific. From 2006, the Grace family has also pioneered a new ministry, World Missions International. For Steve and wife Kerrie, along with their three sons Cheyne, Ryan and Jordan, their ministry has grown to be an adventure of faith from isolated outback towns to big cities, from villages to nations.

Location Details:

It's 15 minutes easy drive from City Centre. Drive along Bolsover St, Lion Creek Rd and then Ridglands Road to Alton Downs Hall, turn left into Nicholson Rd, its 700 m on the left.

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

Ridgелands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc.

Meet on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30 p.m. at the Ridgелands 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

Northern Area Ratepayers

would like to advise that the meeting set down for May 6 has been changed to April 29, commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Alton Downs Hall.

The Mayor and staff will present proposal budget for 2013. Community input is invited. General meeting to follow.

When in doubt, mumble.

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 May.

Margaret Stewart
Vic Edmestone
Sharon McQuillan
Maurice McQuillan

Found

On the 18th February, Jack leg for a goose neck. Found on the Dalma/Ridgелands Road. Phone Melissa Frankish on 49345984.

Give Away

Give away Cattle Dog X pups, 9 weeks old. Phone 49221665 after 7pm.

Earn and Learn

If anyone shops at Woolworths, can they please collect and forward the Earn and Learn docket to Ridgелands State School.

With sufficient thrust, pigs fly just fine.

A bargain is something you don't need at a price you can't resist.

Recipe Corner

Pumpkin Soup

1kg jap pumpkin, peeled and diced
1litre chicken stock
2 large onions, finely diced
250mls cream
Salt and pepper to taste
Nutmeg (optional)
Method:
Place pumpkin, onion and chicken stock into a large saucepan. Cover and cook until tender. Allow soup to cool slightly, puree in blender. Stir in salt, pepper, cream and nutmeg (if desired)
Reheat soup. Be careful not to boil.

LOCAL FIRE BRIGADES

ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 000
Contact Fire Wardens for Permits to light fires.
FIRE PERMITS must be applied for 8 hours prior to burning off.

Alton Downs

Owen Buckle	49341245
Sid Hoare	49341147
Peter Hunt	0419775617

Aricia (Upper Mornish)

Steve Farmer	49347522
Jeff Mills	49373555
Stewart Jones	49356616

Calmorin

Robert Smith	49345145
Shane Barrett	49345177

Dalma

Eric Adams	49345940
Kevin Stanke	49345915

Garnant

David McAuley	49345129
Nigel Chippendale	49345125

Mornish

Norm Richards	49345557
Wayne Jones	49345596
Fran Cranston	49344434

Faraday

Rob Chippendale	49345564
Lynda Harding	49345648



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

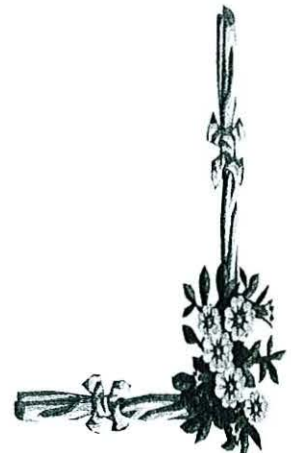
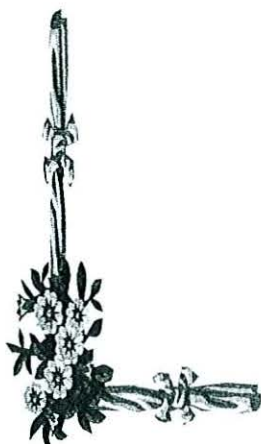
Money raised is donation to the

Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service

Contract

Hillary Chippendale 49345125

Joyce Chippendale 49345120



Ridgeland's Show

1st June 2013

Starts 8.00am

Bring the family, bring a friend, and come and enjoy a day filled with entertainment

*Stalls & Pavilions

*Cattle & Horse Events

*Fashion Parade

*Stage Entertainment

*Rides & Amusements

*Fireworks

*Roaming Clown

*Cobb & Co Coach

*Liberty Horses

*Goat Racing

*Chaff cutter display

*Chainsaw Carving

.....and much more

When the sun goes down the lights come on. Not only in the entertainment area, but also in the sky with Fireworks. You will be entertained by the band - Shakin' not Stirred. Come along & kick up the dust & soak up the country atmosphere.

Celebrating
31 Years