

# 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.

With the recent spate of traffic accidents on Ridgeland Road, we thought it timely to bring the community a reminder on safe driving. Please remember, Ridgeland Road is not a race track.

From the Department of Transport and Main Roads:

Speeding is one of the major killers on Queensland roads. During 2012 there were 59 fatalities as a result of speed-related crashes representing more than 1 in 5 road deaths (21.1%) in Queensland. More than 1000+ people are either killed or injured in speed crashes every year.

It is not safe to speed in any circumstance as it increases stopping distances and your risk of a crash. Speed limits are set and enforced to save lives and reduce crashes. Following speed limits will allow you and other road users the best chance of survival in a crash.

Driving with a mobile phone in the driver's hand is illegal, even when you are stopped at traffic lights. This includes making and receiving calls.

From 2004 to 2010, almost one in seven fatalities were as a result of fatigue related crashes within Queensland. It is important to recognise the warning signs of fatigue and take appropriate action. If you know you'll be tired, plan ahead and arrange alternative transport. Being awake for more than 16 hours is similar to having drunk more than two standard drinks (and having a blood alcohol content of more than 0.05). So don't put yourself at risk.

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The Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc would like to sincerely thank all our volunteers that assisted the committee on Show day as well as our patrons who attended. We are proud to say that we had another successful day with beautiful weather even though we were not so sure on Friday. We had record entries in most sections and the grounds looked a picture.

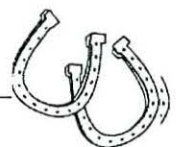
Judging by the response of our patrons, Toots Magic show and the Fireworks were a hit and hopefully we can provide the same standard of entertainment again next year.

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Ridgeland Tennis Club are celebrating their 75th Anniversary in 2013. Past and present members are invited to attend our 75th Anniversary Dinner (1938-2013) on Saturday the 3rd August 2013 at 6pm in the Gilbert Room, CQ Leagues Club, Lion Creek Road, Rockhampton. Cost \$26.90/head (children under 12 yrs \$9.90).

NB: If locals know past members outside the district that might be interested in this celebration please pass on this information.  
RVSP by 21/7/2013 to Club President Vivian Duff on 49 345144.

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While her husband was lying down, his wife removed his glasses. "You know, honey," she said sweetly, "Without your glasses you look like the same handsome young man I married."  
"Honey," he replied with a grin, "Without my glasses, you still look pretty good too!"

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### Laurel Banks Refuse Station

In response to the media release from Councillor Neil Fisher that was included in the last Around the Ridges, Alton Downs resident Doug Drochmann contacted both Councillor Fisher and Councillor Rutherford with the letter below. At the time of going to print, neither Councillor had responded to Doug's letter.

Councillor Fisher,

With regards to your obviously uninformed comments regarding the dumping of rubbish at the Laurel Banks Bin Station that my family and every other Alton Downs resident that I have spoken to find totally offensive due to your lack of knowledge of the facts regarding this situation. We have been disgusted with the state of the bin station since amalgamation and have been waiting to see if our elected and paid councillors can come up with an answer to the problem. The problem did exist prior to amalgamation but to a much less degree because it was a Fitzroy Council station and now that it is a Rockhampton council station the growing number of offenders (95 PERCENT OF WHOM ARE WANDAL AND ROCKHAMPTON RESIDENTS) believe that they have free rein to come out to our bins and push their rubbish, old lounges, fridges etc. out on the ground instead of going to the Rockhampton Refuse Tip on Lakes Creek Road and paying a fee. We see this every day with the trailers and utilities full of rubbish travelling back and forth from Rockhampton and that is a fact.

I and my fellow Alton Downs and Ridgeland residents look forward to you withdrawing your ill informed comments in the next issue of Around the Ridges and would like to hear from you and possibly even our own phantom councillor about some positive moves by council to fix the problem at Laurel Banks Bin Station so that the residents of Alton Downs can again have a safe and clean site to dispose of our rubbish.

Yours Sincerely,

Doug Drochmann (and many other Alton Downs Residents)

If you would like to address this issue, please also contact the local Councillor.

### Passionfruit Cake

250g butter, softened

3 eggs separated

¾ cup (180ml) buttermilk

1 cup (220g) caster sugar

2 cups (300g) SR Flour

¼ cup (60ml) passion fruit pulp

Pre-heat oven to moderate. Grease and lightly flour 20cm round tin, tap out any excess flour. Beat butter and sugar in a small bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy, beat in egg yolks, one at a time, beat until well combined.

Transfer mixture to large bowl, stir in half the sifted flour and half the buttermilk, then stir in the remaining flour and buttermilk and passionfruit pulp.

Beat egg whites in clean small bowl with electric mixer until soft peaks form. Fold into cake mixture in two batches.

Spread mixture into prepared tin. Bake in moderate oven, for about 50 minutes or until cooked. Stand for 5 minutes before turning onto covered rack to cool.

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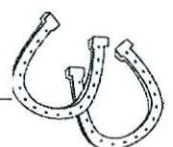
### Malone welcomes new era of productivity for Queensland landholders

Speaking in Parliament, Member for Mirani Ted Malone, has welcomed practical reforms to Queensland's vegetation management framework that restore balance to vegetation laws and mark the end of years of neglect of the agricultural sector.

Mr Malone said the passing of the Vegetation Management Framework Amendment Bill 2013 meant that landholders could finally get on with the job of providing food and fibre to Queenslanders.

*Where do sheep get their wool cut?  
At the BAAAbars!*

*Some mistakes are too much fun to only do once!*





## Rockhampton Regional Council news

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### Results of Mayor Margaret Strelow's Your Budget Your Choice Consultation

As the Council moves toward the handing down of the 2013/14 Council budget, Rockhampton Region Mayor Margaret Strelow said she was pleased to have some clear feedback from the community.

With the Your Budget Your Choice community engagement wrapped up, Mayor Strelow said the results would assist in a number of important decisions that needed to be made in the immediate and longer term future.

"It has been clear throughout this process that many members of the community have strong opinions about many of the community services that Council provides. We had people from all age groups and from all over the remaining Rockhampton Region take part," Mayor Strelow said.

"From this we've had some clear messages, in particular on the Heritage Village, the Rockhampton Airport, the Rockhampton Zoo and our mowing maintenance program. For example residents have made it quite clear that removing animals from the Heritage Village is not an option, but that handing over operation of the village to the community and leasing out the Shearing Shed are both viable options." When it came to the Zoo, Mayor Strelow said that suggestions of reducing the exhibits were not well received but that residents were willing to pay to enter.

### Different rate for owner occupier to be introduced

Rockhampton Regional Council (not including Livingstone Shire) will introduce concessions in the form of lower rates for owner occupied residential properties if Council adopts the Budget Mayor Margaret Strelow will present on 12 June 2013. "Council officers have been working to 'filter' our records to try to identify as many of the 'owner occupier' properties as possible, but we know that our records will not be perfect in the first year," Mayor Strelow said.

Mayor Margaret Strelow said Council would make it as easy as possible for residents to change categories quickly if the rates notice was issued incorrectly. "We will be 'standing by' to reissue rates notices as soon as the statutory declaration or other proof of residence is received," Mayor Strelow said.

"Unfortunately this does not mean that ratepayers who live in their own homes would pay less rates than they did last year.

"What it does mean however is that we will have two different rates increases - one which is the concessional rate for owner occupiers and the other which is a rate for residential properties without the concession."

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## RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL NEWS

The Ridgeland Show has come and gone and a massive thank you must go to everyone who assisted us in making the show bag stall a success again this year. I was very proud of our school choir who sang 'Wildlife Warrior' and 'Advance Australia Fair' beautifully on the day. I'd like to acknowledge that every student at our school participated in the art and handwriting categories and should be proud of their work. We were able to contribute to a wonderful display of student talent. Congratulations to the students who were awarded places.

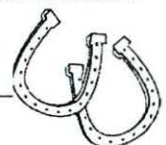
We had 34 students who competed in the Rockhampton Eisteddfod last month. That's almost 50% of our student population that participated and formed part of our choral program. Mrs Hiron does a remarkable job and has worked tirelessly to prepare the students for this competition and the Ridgeland Show.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy is now over for 2013. I congratulate the year 3, 5 and 7 students who completed the tests and applied themselves by doing their best.

The school now has 64 enrolments and our student numbers are growing. To gain a fourth teacher we only require a further 10 students. Two families have contacted us regarding future enrolments, therefore obtaining an extra teacher is a real possibility.

The Ridgeland Year 3 to 7 teachers have implemented the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* this semester. The first key safety message of the curriculum is **recognise**. Recognise is about being aware of your environment. Everyone can use clues, such as the things we see, hear, smell or feel to help protect us from harm and keep ourselves safe. The second safety message is to **react**. When children recognise that they are in an unsafe situation, we encourage them to think about what they could do to be safe again. The final key message of the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* is **report**. This means that when children have been in a situation that is unsafe that they are taught to report what has happened to an adult. It is important that the key safety messages of the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum*: **Recognise, React and Report** are reinforced, both at school, at home and in the community. We encourage you, wherever possible, to talk with your child about safety to help them stay safe now and in the future.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program ended Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. A very big thank you to all of you, who have supported our school by sending stickers and sticker cards either to school or by placing them in the collection box at Woolworths Allenstown. With your generous support we will be able to receive many wonderful resources for our school. If you have any stickers at home could you please send them to school by the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013.



# 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

### 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. Next meeting 10 July.

## 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

### Alton Downs Hall Asscn Inc is

holding a dance at the Alton Downs Hall on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> July, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Music by Two Can. Raffles, Novelty Prizes. Super will be served. This is a change of date from last month's newsletter.

### CWA 2013/14 Office Bearers

President – Hilary Chippendale

Secretary – June Kileen

Treasurer – Mary Wells.

## Community Notices

Ridgelands CWA will be holding an International day morning tea featuring Turkey. Friday 21 June commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Admission \$10.00 . RSVP – Hilary Chippendale on 49345125 or Joyce Chippendale on 49345120.

## Chair Hire

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

Ph 49 345518

## For sale.

2 black Labrador puppies. One male, and one female. They are 8 weeks old, have had their 1st vaccinations, micro chipped, and wormed. They are purebred and registered with Dogs Qld. \$750 each. Phone Peter Lawton on 4934 1131, or 0409 499216

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## Lost

In the Ridgelands/Dalma Road area an older male Tonkinese cat, cream in colour. If anyone has seen Gommy, please ring Dawn on 0407 127 162.

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*The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything. they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.*



## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday to everyone who is having a birthday in July

George Tyrell

Edgar Frankish

If you would like to send birthday wishes to a friend or family member just send us an email or ring us.

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## Condolences

Our thoughts and sympathy is extended to the family of Alice Boys, formerly of Alton Downs.

Aged 96 Years

Beloved Wife of Bob (dec'd).

Loving Mother and Mother-in-law of Dorothy & Bob Steggall, Kathy & Graham Mylne, Bill & Viv, Carol & Alex Reid. Grandmother of 11, Great-grandmother of 31 and Great-great-grandmother of 1.

Sister, Sister-in-law and Aunt of the Boys and Owbridge Families.

## Condolences

Luke Shepherd – Tragically taken on the Ridgelands Road. We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the Shepherd family, relatives and friends of Luke.

Always in our hearts.

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