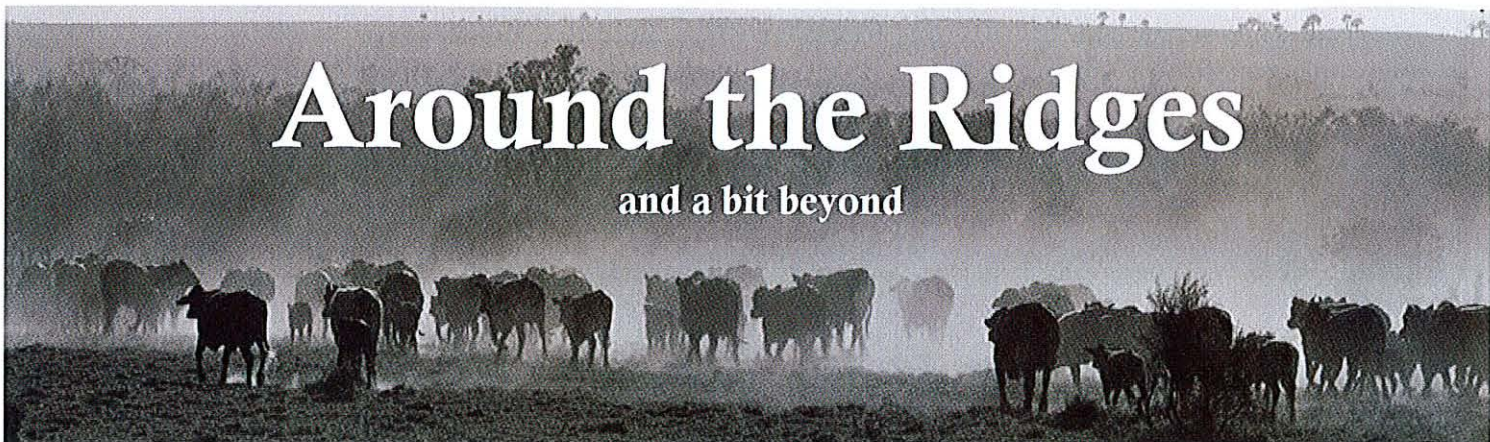


Around the Ridges

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.

Our Trip to Mongolia by Peter Lawton

My wife Laraine and I joined 8 other Australians in Beijing airport for a flight to Ulan Bator, UB city for short – capital of Mongolia. We were to spend a week there before going onto Moscow via the Trans Siberian railway.

On approaching UB city by plane we saw a reasonable size city. UB city has a population of approximately 1.3 million.

The terminal was reminiscent of our original Rockhampton terminal.

The city was situated on a vast treeless undulating plain. Roads appeared to radiate and bitumen to the edge of town then all dirt from there. Later on in our trip, we did travel on a first class highway – four lanes – leaving the city. Our first impression of the city on our drive from the airport was interesting. The roads were very battered, large pot holes, broken bitumen and amazing traffic jams. Just push into a stream of slowly moving traffic to within a 1cm of the car in front, even drive up on the footpath and push in up further. There were all makes of cars from modern Toyota cruisers to forty year models.

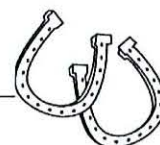
The guide drove us to a look out with a Russian made World War II memorial. For some reason brides go up there to be photographed. We did actually see a bride and groom there. We then headed off into the country for our first night in a GER. We rattled off over the country for nearly two hours. There were occasional low set wooden buildings, rarely a brick one, many only half finished. We did see lots of horses in back yards or being ridden.

Part way to Ger we came upon the most impressive memorial. It was a giant Genghis Khan on a horse. It was so massive there is a lift in the horses tail which took us up about four stories and then you can walk along the back of the horses to his neck. This monument was basically in the middle of nowhere, just a large car park - impressive entrance - there was Genghis on his horse brandishing a huge sword, this giant shining silver statue on the top of a rise. Further on, our guide wasn't sure where to turn off to our Ger. Occasionally in the distance we would see these white groups of Gers. After further discussion we headed off across country and so to the correct Ger. There are no fences in this country, but for some reason a fence had been erected in front of our group of about 10 of Gers. The fence was about 100 metres long and just stopped. We were glad to get out of our shuttle bus and hump our bags to the reception area. The Ger is a round hut, stone in the middle, four beds around the walls. The dimensions would be about 1.5 meters in height at doorway, to 3 metres at peak of roof and about 6 metres in dimension. There was lino on the floor – many patterns, walls were felt outer with patterned material for the inside walls. They were single beds, solid wood base, and very thin mattress.

The people were very fun loving, one group partied all night and on till after breakfast. They loved wrestling – pretty harmless pushing and laughing type. We went to their different Gers. The central eating/ablutions areas were very basic. Cold showers were a bit hard to cop.

They had really lovely rivers – fast running, deep and about 50 metres wide with gravel beds. There was absolutely no use made of these. No agriculture at all. They just enjoyed their horses, sheep and goats – real nomads. We did go to a special race day - a 13 km race with 12 year old and younger jockey's. In excess of 200 kids lined up way out of sight. A great cloud of dust came over the hills, flanked by Toyota's. Horses turned up, riders. Great cheers as they arrived. They kept arriving for an hour.

The whole time there was a great experience. I enjoyed it, regardless of the primitive conditions. We did then eventually hop on a train and head off across Siberia to Moscow – no salt mines for us.





Rockhampton Regional Council News

Imagine being five again!

The school holidays are the perfect time to imagine being five years old! Then you can write, draw and create your entry for the annual Children's Book Week competition being held across Rockhampton Regional Libraries. "The picture books must be created for a young reader aged five years and under, with the word 'read' featured somewhere in the book. The 2013 Book Week theme 'Read across the universe' is another good starting point for aspiring authors." Entries are encouraged to be creative! Aspiring authors can try poetry, narratives, cartoons or raps – and use any type of formats such as paper, fabric, craft materials or card. Interactive books and simple stories are ideal for this age group but any creative entry is welcome as long as it has appeal for the target audience. Entry forms must be attached and entries submitted to any Rockhampton Regional Library by 4pm on Wednesday 31 July 2013.

Prizes will be awarded at the Rockhampton Cultural Festival at the Rockhampton Heritage Village on Sunday 11 August 2013. Download an entry form from www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au or pick one up any Rockhampton Regional Council Library.

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Safety training for local dam owners encouraged

Member for Mirani Ted Malone is encouraging referable dam owners to attend a training session to help them prepare an emergency action plan. Referable dams are those that have been assessed as posing a potential risk to two or more people if they were to fail, and Mr Malone said the workshops strengthened the Government's already robust dam safety program. "The sessions will cover topics such as identifying hazards created by dams, understanding who and what is at risk, identifying involved parties, understanding obligations during an emergency event and what reporting is required after an emergency event has ended. The sessions will also improve information sharing and working relationships between referable dam owners and the disaster management groups in their local areas."

The Rockhampton session will be held at DAFF Conference Centre on Thursday, 18 July – 11am to 1pm.

For more information about the provisional guidelines or the training and awareness sessions, or to register interest in attending a session, email damsafety@dews.qld.gov.au.

DUMPLINGS

These dumplings can be served with your favourite casserole.

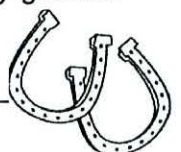
Method:

Ingredients:

- 2 potatoes
- 1 ½ cups self-raising flour
- 100g butter, cubed
- ½ cup milk, plus extra for brushing

- 1 Peel and quarter potatoes. Cook in a saucepan of salted water, until just tender. Stand aside to cool.
- 2 Sift flour into a large bowl. Rub in butter until mixture resembles breadcrumbs.
- 3 Grate or roughly mash potato and season to taste. Mix gently into flour. Stir in milk to form a soft dough.
- 4 Place dough on a floured surface and roll into a 5cm –thick log. Cut into 12 rounds.
- 5 Arrange dumplings on top of partially cooked casserole.

Brush with extra milk. Bake uncovered, 30-35 minutes, until dumplings are puffed and lightly golden.



WASTE

Your needs

Our options ...

Council is undertaking extensive community consultation to understand what the communities in these areas want in terms of waste facilities and services. Council wants to discuss issues being experienced by the community and also issues being experienced by Council in managing the waste system in your area.

Council will be guided by the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act QLD (2011)* in discussing with the community what safety regulations, environmental standards and legislation requirements will need to be abided for waste facilities and services for the future.

STAGE 1 – What waste facilities and services does the community NEED?
STAGE 2 – Council to present OPTION/S preference/s from Stage 1 consultation.

STAGE 1

Wednesday 21 August 2013

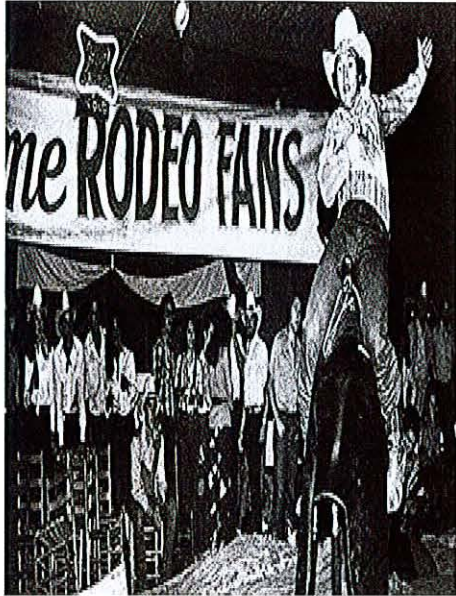
- **Ridgeland Hall** - 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Monday 26 August 2013

- **Alton Downs Hall** - 7pm to 8.30pm

Please arrive 15 minutes early to register your attendance and for light refreshments.

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.



RIDGELANDS COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 24th August 2013

Competition Starts 5:00pm

BUCKING BULL

COMPETITION

EVENTS

Class 1 - Under 8's

Class 2 - 9-13 years

Class 3 - 14 -18 years

Class 4 - 19 - 30 years

Class 5 - Golden Oldies(over30yrs)

Class 6 - Cowgirls (ladies 14yrs -open)

Class 7 - Calcutta (open to all ages)

\$10 per class entry

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 Class 2 - 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 Sponsor: Robo's Tyreworks
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 Class 4 - 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20 Sponsor: Robo's Tyreworks
 Class 5 - 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20 Sponsor: Greg Thompson Earthmoving
 Class 6 - 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20 Sponsor: Mark & Judy Stanke
 Class 7 - 1st \$80, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40, 4th \$20 Sponsor: Montrose Mining

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Ridgeland's SS P&C Catering

Afternoon Tea, Hot Food & Cold Drinks

Multi Draw Raffle



MECHANICAL BULL COMPETITION

FROG/CRAWCHIE RACES

BAR UNTIL LATE

What's Happening this month?

Meetings

QCWA Ridgелands Branch meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday every month, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

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. Next meeting 14 August.



Celebrations

Happy Birthday to everyone who is having a birthday in August .

Jack Sleaford

Connor Hunt

Blue Shepherd

Joel Estreich

Frank Dawson

Happy 60th Birthday on the 10th August to Morrie McQuillan from his loving family - Sharyn, Maurie, Sam and Laura. Have a great day.

Community Notices

The Northern district rate payers

association would like to advise that the meeting set down for the 4th August has been changed to the 26th August, commencing 7.00 p.m at the Ridgелands Hall. This will be a consultation meeting between the Rockhampton Regional Council and Rate payers to discuss the future of the dumping station at Laurel Banks & Ridgелands.

A further meeting will be held on the 4th November at the Alton Downs Hall, commencing 7.30 p.m.

The Rockhampton Regional Council will come back with several proposals for discussion and a decision will be made with the rate payers.

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

Ridgелands Tennis Club are celebrating their **75th** Anniversary Celebration (1938-2013) in 2013. Past and present members are invited to attend our dinner on Saturday 3rd August at 6.00 p.m. in the Gilbert Room, CQ Leagues Club, Lion Creek Road, Rockhampton. Cost \$26.90/head. (children under 12 yrs \$9.90) If locals know past members outside the district that might be interested in this celebration, please pass on this information. RSVP by 21/7/13 to Club President Vivian Duff on 4934 5144.

Alton Downs Sports & Recreation

Grounds. If you do not feel like cooking on Friday nights why not go down to the Alton Downs Sports & recreation grounds from 6.00 p.m. – 8.00p.m. Burgers, Fish & Chips and homemade chicken bites are served.

Alton Downs Fire Brigade will hold a public meeting regarding the rate levy, followed by the Brigade's AGM for the election of officers. The meeting is to be held on the 18th September 2013 at 7pm, at the Alton Downs Hall.

For more information, please contact Owen Buckle on 0408 196 556 or May Frencken on 4934 1083.

Garden Party to aid cancer fundraising is to be held Sunday 18th August 2013 at 1.30pm. 119 Chippendale Road, Ridgелands.

For more information, please contact Hilary on 4934 5125.

Condolences



Our thoughts and sympathy is extended to John & Vicki McLean and family in the recent loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother.

Condolences



We would like to extend our sincere sympathy and thoughts to Noela, Mick and family in the recent loss of their father, father-in-law and grandfather Trevor Jones .

Condolences



Our thoughts and sympathy is extended to Sid Hoare and family in the recent loss of their wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother.

Our loved ones always remain in our hearts and memories.

Bereavement

Thanks from the family of Alice May Boys.

The family would like to thank all their friends who helped the extended family farewell their beloved Mar who passed away 8/6/13 aged 96 years. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces to support us at this sad time. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

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'My Dad used to say 'always fight fire with fire', which is probably why he got thrown out of the fire brigade.

'I'm on a whiskey diet. I've lost three days already.'



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