

Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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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 EASTER



To all our community news readers we would like to wish you a very Happy & safe Easter. Can you believe that Easter is here already, I certainly cannot. The weather is definitely getting cooler at night and in the morning and this time of the year always reminds me of camping at the beach – what are your memories? If you will be travelling please drive safely and if you are staying at home, take some time for yourself or maybe a family get together. We would also ask that everyone spare a thought for those farmers and graziers who are going through drought and if we all say a little prayer, maybe some rain will be sent their way.

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ANZAC DAY – FRIDAY 25TH APRIL

Every year the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Alton Downs Hall gets bigger and bigger. More and more members of the community roll out of bed at 4am to join in the simple ceremony held outside the hall, before wandering up the stairs to enjoy a gunfire breakfast with family, friends and neighbours.

For those new in the community, this is the event that you cannot afford to miss. Avoid the massive crowds, the parking gridlock and long walk to the Cenotaph at the Botanic Gardens early in the morning and support our local ANZAC Day Dawn service commencing at 4.28am.

Tuck into a traditional gunfire breakfast of sausages, mince, egg dishes, tea and toast as well as Anzac biscuits – seated at old-fashioned trestle tables in the hall. It's a great way of meeting people and everyone is very welcome to come along. For more information, contact Hugh Chippendale on 4934 5120.

I would like to share with you a short history of two soldiers whose names appear on the Alton Downs cenotaph.

Private Archibald Norman Moore – 49 Battalion Infantry – Australian Imperial Force.

Killed in Action – Thursday 12 April 1917, age 22 in Noreuil area, Pas-de-Calais, France and

Private Arthur Vincent Moore, 49 Battalion Infantry, Australian Imperial Force, Killed in action – Thursday 25 April 1918, age 20 in Villers-Bretonneux area, France.

Archibald and Arthur were the sons of John Thomas and Maria Moore of Avon Park (on Waroula – Dalma Road, about two miles from the Alton Downs Polocrosse Club.)

The original Moore family left Avon Park many years ago and the “large house” has since been moved or destroyed. There were 12 children in the family – six boys and six girls.

ANZAC Day commemorations at Alton Downs (1930) taken from: *The Morning Bulletin* 30 April 1930, p. 8 - “A large gathering assembled at the Soldiers' Memorial at Alton Downs to honour the soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice and those who returned. The Rev. R. L. P. Jones, of St. Luke's Anglican Church, and the Rev. Mr. Rycroft delivered an address. Several wreaths were laid on the memorial stone. A collection was taken up and as on previous occasions the money so collected will be handed to the Returned Soldiers' League.”



..... *from your State M.P.* TED MALONE - Member for Mirani

Lauren Hewitt wins 2014 QLD Rural Women's Award - Lauren Hewitt from AgForce Queensland has won the 2014 Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Queensland Rural Women's Award. Ms Hewitt will use her \$10,000 bursary to improve on-farm profitability for broad acre agriculture.

"While life on the land can be tough, there are also innovative Queenslanders out there, people doing great things for the industry and supporting our farmers," Mr Malone said. "Our Government is committed to supporting and growing agriculture as one of the four pillars of our Queensland economy. "We have an ambitious but achievable target of doubling agricultural production in Queensland by 2040. "It's the leaders in agriculture, like Lauren and the other finalists in this year's awards, who will help us to get there."

Calling all budding fashion designers for Project SPF

A new sun safety campaign targeting the state's fashion-conscious young women has been unveiled by Queensland Health. Mr Malone said the initiative also offered Queenslanders a chance to win a mentorship with international fashion designer, Juli Grbac. Entries for the Project SPF competition close on April 31. For more information visit the Project SPF Facebook page, blog or Instagram www.facebook.com/ProjectSPF

Email from Cherie Rutherford - Councillor Division 5 - 0439 753 056- Cherie.Rutherford@rrc.qld.gov.au

I am sure many of you will have already noticed the Variable Message Sign located on Ridglands Road at Pink Lily has been completed and is now operational. This project has been made possible through funding provided under the Community Development and Recovery Package, which was a joint initiative of the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

The total cost of this project was \$32 728 and Rockhampton Regional Council was proud to have been part of this project with Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Association. Some of the other projects also delivered under this funding included; the Rockhampton City Flood Marker Public Art Project, Port Curtis Memorial Wall, Depot Hill History Book, a Community Garden at Lucas Park and a Fruit Grove for the Koongal Community.

In Consultation with the Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Association it was decided to put forward the message board as a worthy and useful project for funding. The Variable Message Sign will be a fantastic resource for your community to help promote local events and activities and community notices as well as provide a much needed avenue to keep residents informed during a disaster.

I would like to thank the members of the Ratepayers Assoc for their assistance and in particular a very big thank you to Andy Schnalle for his dedication and commitment to this project.

Word for the month: Tranklements

Meaning: small possessions, bits and pieces, paraphernalia precious possessions

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Alton Downs Cemetery - Thank You from Arthur Vincent Moore's family.

I sincerely thank the person or people who cleaned up my husband, Vince's grave. It was so nice to go and see how tidy and well-kept Alton Downs Cemetery is. I appreciate all you do there. From Paula Moore, Bushley (The Arthur Vincent Moore mentioned in our ANZAC history on the front page is Arthur's (wife of Paula) uncle whom I believe he was named after).

FLOOD LEEVE PROPOSAL - Want to let the council know what you think about the proposed South Rockhampton flood levee? There is a Community Feedback Register that can be completed on the South Rockhampton Flood Levee via the following link:

http://www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au/Our_Region/Community_Engagement_-_Regional_Voice/South_Rockhampton_Flood_Levee

Or just 'Google' [South Rockhampton flood levee consultation](#) or contact the council.

RECIPE CORNER. EASTER SURPRISE CUPCAKES



12 Solid chocolate Easter eggs, 3 x 20 ml spoon butter, 1/3 cup caster sugar, 1 egg, 1 cup self-raising flour, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, 60 mls milk, pinch salt.

Place Easter eggs in freezer for 30 minutes. Beat butter and sugar to a cream, add vanilla, add egg and beat well. Sift flour and salt together. Add milk and flour alternately and mix lightly into a soft batter. Place paper containers in a cupcake tray. Half fill papers with mixture, place a chocolate egg in each container and top up with batter. Bake in preheated moderate oven for about 15 minutes or until golden brown and firm to touch.

Jokes:-

A farmer drove to a neighbour's farmhouse and knocked on the door. A boy, about 9, opened the door.

"Is your Dad or Mum home?" said the farmer.

"No, they went to town."

"How about your brother, Howard? Is he here?"

"No, he went with Mum and Dad."

The farmer stood there for a few minutes shifting from one foot to the other and mumbling to himself.

"I know where all the tools are if you want to borrow one, or I can give Dad a message" said the boy.

"Well said the farmer uncomfortably. "I really wanted to talk to your Dad. It's about your brother Howard getting my daughter Suzy pregnant".

The boy thought for a moment... "You would have to talk to Dad about that. I know he charges \$500 for the bull and \$50 for the pig, but I don't know how much he charges for Howard"

The Handmade Expo Market - Saturday, 12 April 2014 -

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Rockhampton Showgrounds, Wandal

A market full of everything handmade, hand grown & hand baked. This market is for all ages both male and female. There is tasty food and activities for the kids. (I found this on the community noticeboard - <http://www.mycommunityconnect.com.au>)

SPOTTED in *The Morning Bulletin* 15/2/14 "Wow! Great to see the new sign up on the Ridglands Road yesterday. Congrats to the funding group who put up the initiative – this will add to community information."

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Strange Things Happen in the Bush.

I think it was Ripley with his believe it or not stories. Anyway, there it was, so I was told – a calf with two heads – dead unfortunately. My friends (the owners) were impressed. Well they said, have you ever seen a calf with two heads? I didn't really want to be a kill joy, but yes I have seen a calf with two heads – amazing – a Ripley moment – but yes strange things happen in the bush by Peter Lawton.

What is your Ripley moment!!

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CWA Announcement

Members of the QCWA Ridgeland Branch wish to publically congratulate Robert Chippendale on receiving the Rockhampton Regional Councils "Citizen of the Year Award".

The ladies had much pleasure in nominating Robert for this award as they so appreciate the volunteering of his services to the mowing of the grass at their premises for the past 35 years. He also acted as their Returning Officer for 22 years and along with his wife Julann still attend their annual meeting.

Members would also like to thank the various committees and members of the public for their supporting letters. **Well done Robert.** - June Killeen (Secretary).

Proud Grand Parents.

Reg and Merle Smith recently travelled to Brisbane to attend the prefect investiture at the Wavell State School. They proudly witnessed their grandson Ryan Honor being formally presented with the school captain badge. Ryan is currently considering his future options and is showing great interest in a career in agricultural. Ryan's mother Glenda Honor – nee Hanrahan, attended Ridgeland State School before furthering her studies at the Rockhampton Girls Grammar, Capricornia Institute of Technology, Sydney University, NSW College of Law and QUT, where she graduated with a Master of Laws degree.

Films with a Difference

Rocky Flix are held once a month at the Walter Reid Centre. Fee is \$10.00 for concession card holds e.g. students, pensions and members, all others \$15.00. Free Wine and nibbles after the film.

Next film is on the 17 April at 6.30 p.m. – The Past – 2013 – France/Persian – Rated M – Run 130 mins. At the request of his estranged wife Marie, Armad returns to Paris after four years in Tehran to finalise their divorce. He soon discovers his wife plans to remarry and finds himself attempting to repair the rift this has caused between mother and daughter, plus piece together the puzzle of lies and unspoken guilt connected to misdeeds of the past.

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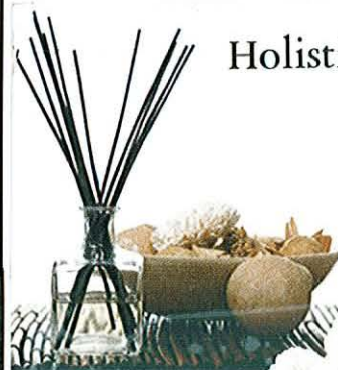
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Ridgeland campdraft & cutting. April 18-20. Canteen & bar operating all weekend. Live music Saturday night. Campdraft enquiries Belinda Ellrott 49345131. Cutting enquiries Regan Lyons 49345689. All welcome



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.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Next meeting 9th April commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Ridgелands Show grounds.

Events

Alton Downs Hall Committee

will be holding dances on Friday 30th May, 29th August and 31st October at 7.30 p.m. Super, Raffles and Novelties. Everyone welcome.

Cent Sale - The Alton Downs Hall Committee will be holding a cent sale on the Saturday, 12th April.

The Fitzroy Northern area rate payers association

would like to advise their meeting dates for 2014.
May 5 - Alton Downs Hall
August 4 - Ridgелands Hall
November 3 - Alton Downs Hall
They welcome all residence in the area to meetings, especially the AGM in February.

Riddles

Q: What keys won't open doors?

A: Turkeys

Q: How do pigs write?

A: With a pig pen

Q: Why do cows wear bells?

A: Because their horns don't work

Events

The Australian Miniature Horse society is holding a miniature horse show at the Rockhampton Showgrounds on the 29th & 30th March 2014. All welcome - for any information phone 49341296 Or 0418880539

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.



Kitchen Tea

The CWA ladies will be holding a kitchen tea for Sandy Stanke on Sunday 23rd at 1.30 p.m. at the Ridgелands CWA. Everyone welcome .

FREE – Ridgелand's Play/Mothers Group

The Ridgелand's Playgroup meets on a fortnightly basis (except school holidays) at the Ridgелand's State School. All parents with children between the ages of 0-6 are welcome to come and relax in a safe and comfortable environment with other families in the community.

The next gathering is on Friday, 21 March 2014 between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

Celebrations



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

Eden Chippendale

Dave Alick

Sandy Gorle

Happy
70th
Birthday
Alex



Alex Reid celebrated his 70th birthday at home with Carol and his family on 8th of March. He was thrilled to have their children and spouses and all the grandchildren there to celebrate and to have professional photos taken of them all together.

Wedding Bells



Congratulations to Tristan Kipling and Ruby Cotton (of Alton Downs) for their upcoming wedding on 26 April 2014 .

HOW TO PRESERVE CHILDREN

To preserve children, take:-

1 large grassy field

1/2 dozen children

2 or 3 small dogs

a pinch of stream and some small pebbles

Mix the children and the dogs well together and put them into the field, stirring constantly. Pour the stream over the pebbles, sprinkle the field with flowers, spread over all a deep blue sky and warm. When thoroughly done, remove and set to cool in a bath-tub.



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