

Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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YOUR STORIES!**

We want to hear them!!!! Please send your story, as you are a valued part of our community and this newsletter.



To all the mothers in our community - young, old, new and first time mothers to be, we wish you a Happy Mothers Day. Just remember you are all very special people to your children and grandchildren.

YOU WERE THERE...

You were there when we took our first steps,
And went unsteadily across the floor.
You pushed and prodded: encouraged and guided,
Until our steps took us out the door...

You worry now "Are they ok?"
Is there more you could have done?
As we walk the paths of our unknown
You wonder "Where have my children gone?"

Where we are is where you have led us,
With your special love you showed us a way,
To believe in ourselves and the decisions we make.
Taking on the challenge of life day-to-day.

And where we go you can be sure,
In spirit you shall never be alone.
For where you are is what matters most to us,
Because to us that will always be home... Author Unknown~

Afternoon Tea

The Ridgeland CWA will be holding a Mothers Day afternoon tea at the Ridgeland Hall on the 4 May commencing at 1.30 p.m. Entry \$10.00 - Multi Draw Raffle. Everyone welcome, bring a friend and come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun.



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Ridgelands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc present their 2014 show on the 31st May.

The 2014 Ridgelands show is fast approaching so we hope you have your vegetables planted and are looking up your recipes to enter in our cooking section. This year our show will be packed full of action and entertainment once again with some new items and some old favourites.

Tyrone O'Reilly will be bringing along his circus and fire eating act where the children can interact and try out some of his tricks and balancing feats (not the fire eating). We will also be having a working dog display. There will be a fashion parade, singers and dancers to provide entertainment throughout the day when you need to sit down for a cuppa.

The grand parade and official opening of the show by Ken O'Dowd will be held at 2.00 p.m followed by our traditional goat racing. There will be lots of yummy food available all day and into the night where fireworks will light up the sky once again. Lock up your dogs and bring the children along for a great family day. Look forward to seeing you all there.

SCHOOL NEWS - It has been a very rewarding term. I congratulate students on their work ethic and applaud our staff on their commitment and drive. We have been focussed on our core priorities of improving students' literacy and numeracy outcomes whilst maintaining the balance with science, the Arts, sport and physical activity. Our students are thriving in all aspects of schooling. They thoroughly deserve a holiday to rest and prepare for next term. School will resume on Tuesday 22 April.

Our Cross Country was well attended on the last Friday of term. Thank you to all staff and parents who contributed to another successful event. We have a wonderful course through the school and down to the local show grounds that is both challenging and exciting for students to race.

Redback Awards Parade for the term was held on Friday 4th April 2014 and a number of awards were presented. On Friday 28th March the school held a free dress fundraiser for the "Buy-a-Bale" drought awareness program, with all proceeds going to drought stricken farmers. The majority of our Term 1 NAPLAN preparations are now complete and the results were very pleasing. While these are only an indication of the expected performance of students, every cohort has shown growth since the last testing in 2013. From this preparation we will individualise and focus students learning to better prepare for NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN will take place in Week 4 of Term 2 on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May.

Thank you from Andrew Clarke - A big thank you to everyone for supporting the C Q LIONS Charity Cricket Day which was held on the 7th March at Gracemere. Sincere thanks go to Joel Dawson, Liam Goody, Andrew Haynes and the Lions Club who worked around the clock preparing everything for such an astounding result.

Thank you to the sponsors, the cricketers and the public in general for the support given to Andrew and myself and the Paul Barr family. Over \$14,000 was raised and was split between the two families. This was a fantastic result and a great help towards Andrew's intense rehab program he is currently attending at the Gold Coast.

Also on the same weekend, a Working Dog School was held by Tim and Prue Flynn and Gavin Carr at the Ridgelands Showgrounds. Over fifteen people attended with their dogs to gain some skills and knowledge on how best to work their dogs. A true act of kindness when all proceeds from the weekend, almost \$3,000, to go towards Andrew's rehab.

I know I have said it before but thank you to each and everyone who has been involved in Andrew's road to recovery. It is truly amazing, and we will be forever grateful.

Written by Kellie Kime



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
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Ridgелands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Next meeting 14th May 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.

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.

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

Community Notices

Alton Downs Hall Committee

To book community hall please contact Booking Officer, Sid Hoare on 49 341147.

Alternatively call,

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Celebrations



Happy Birthday to everyone who is having a birthday in May

Margaret Stewart
Vic Edmestone
Sharon McQuillan
Maurice McQuillan
Ann-Maree Dyer
Ian Oates
Peter Lawton

Joke:

Did you hear about the bungee jumper who shot up and down for 3 hours before they could bring him under control?

He had a yo-yo in his pocket.

Good Idea: Finding Easter eggs at Easter. Bad Idea: Finding Easter eggs at Xmas.

What do you call a rabbit with fleas? A: Bugs Bunny

Congratulations



Surprise Wedding

Congratulations to Kerry and Lou Degit who surprised a number of friends and family, some who had travelled from Mt Isa, Bundaberg and elsewhere to a 'housewarming' at their new home in Boys Road, Alton Downs. They not only had a housewarming, a birthday surprise but a wedding as well. No-one except those immediately involved were any the wiser. Well Done Kerry and Lou.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Len & Lyn Milner, Pink Lily who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 11th April, 2014. The couple were married in Saint Pauls Cathedral, William Street, Rockhampton. They celebrated the occasion with a tour of the North and South Islands of New Zealand. On their return a family gathering was held.

Riddles:

What will go up a drain pipe down, but won't go down a drain pipe up?
An umbrella

Why don't eggs tell jokes?
They'd crack each other up!

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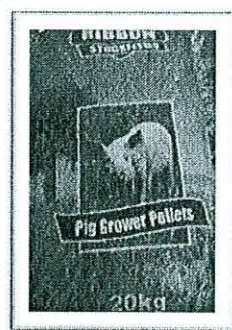
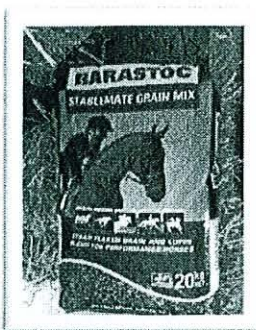
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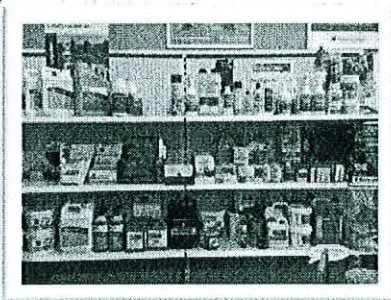
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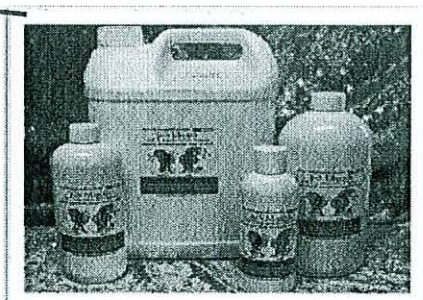



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- *Goat Racing
- *Chaff cutter display

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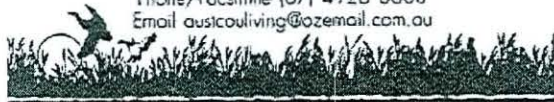
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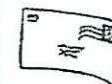
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