

Around the Ridges

And a bit beyond

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New local artist with a heart for community



Artist, photographer and mixed media exponent Elspeth (Ellie) Donlen and her family are relatively new residents to the Stanwell/Dalma area and have fallen in love with the many opportunities presented by this charming rural community.

Ellie's artwork is constantly evolving, featuring landscapes, portraits and line experimentation. She is particularly fascinated by the natural environment and the welcoming community of the Stanwell-Waroula Road and surrounding areas.

Her debut solo art exhibition 'Hair Lines Whiskers' will be held at the Kabra Country Hotel on 1 October starting at 6pm and has been combined into an RSPCA fundraiser.

Her 2017 art project is called 'On My Way' and will incorporate a large photographic display of the Stanwell-Waroula Road. Ellie is very keen to seek stories, memoirs or photographs from locals to combine into another publication which explores the history of the gazetted halls as well as the Stanwell Cemetery.

For more information, check out Ellie's website www.elspethdonlen.vpweb.com.au or phone 0439 444 350.

CATTLE GRID REMINDER

A call out to the community to take care when crossing cattle grids on local back roads - roads are unfenced, and cattle are roaming. Please drive to the conditions and slow down.



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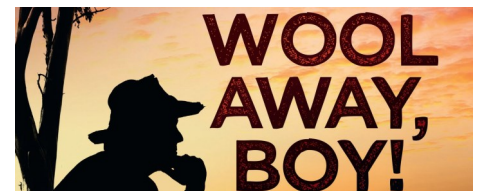
CHILDHOOD MEMORIES ON THE FARM

The last newsletter triggered some childhood memories for one local resident who chooses to remain anonymous. 'Anon' has shared some delightful anecdotes and memories of life on the farm which may resonate with our readers.

Oh, the long forgotten memory of childhood winters - of fresh cow poo squelching up through one's toes and quivering around and over one's bare feet - deeply satisfying! A freezing cold August morning and the milkers had to be brought up to the dairy - by the time one got to the far end of their paddock one's toes were nearly frost bitten - a quick thump in the ribs and the cow would stand - and poo! Feet quickly inserted, the initial burning would slowly become satisfyingly warm. Quickly off to the next cow to repeat, and repeat, and repeat until all the cows and their 'cowboy' or 'cowgirl' reached their destination and milking commenced.

When bringing more cows from the holding yard in for milking, more feet in poo was undertaken, sometimes to shouts to "hurry up" or "stop dawdling".

Half way through milking there would be a big mug of black tea and vegemite on toast brought up to the dairy. Slip one of the milking machine cups off and squirt streams of fresh milk into the steaming mug of tea, then dunk the toast - heaven!



Author of *Wool away! Boy* Alan Blunt talks about a bygone era of Australian history - the shearing sheds and life in the woolsheds around outback Australia. Meet Alan at the Rockhampton Regional Library on Friday 2 September at 10am. Book your seat on 4936 8043. Free.

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Around the Ridges and a bit beyond is a community and school newsletter. Stories, notices, poems, anecdotes and historical memoirs need to be submitted by the 11th of every month — if you have a special event, allow a two month lead in time. We love our sponsors - and hope that you do too. Please support them and buy locally!

Question: What is red and goes up and down?

Answer: A tomato in an elevator

Trivia fact: The largest worldwide producer of tomatoes is China, followed by the USA

Its True! The world's heaviest tomato weighed 3.51 kg (7 lb 12 oz) and was grown in the USA

ROAD ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Fourteen people attended the recent **Northern District Ratepayers Association** meeting held at the Alton Downs Hall on 1 August 2016, with Steve Hughes as the sole representative from the Rockhampton Regional Council.

The recent welcome rain has heralded damaged roads in the area, with Steve explaining that the grader was at Nine Mile, then going to Lion Mountain Road – then Reid Road and on from there. The grader at Glenroy Road was at 'Calliwerri' and will continue onwards when finished.

The bitumen seal on Stanwell Waroula Road will start at the Waroula end and go for 1km to 1.5km depending on the type of gravel available.

The ongoing upgrade at Nine Mile is continuing and may take up to five years to complete.

Various other roads such as Laurel Bank, South Yaamba, Black Gin Creek and others are damaged after the rain and in need of repair, with pot-hole damage noted at 'T' junctions where trucks turn and bitumen and dirt meet.

Members of the community are very welcome to attend the meetings.

DATE CLAIMER: TRIVIA NIGHT @ ALTON DOWNS HALL FRIDAY 4 November 2016 starting at 7.30pm

Tomato Relish Recipe

- 1 kg tomatoes
- 2 medium onions
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 cup brown vinegar
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 tablespoon mustard powder
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornflour



Place tomatoes in hot water to peel. Slice tomatoes and onions. Sprinkle with salt and stand for 3 hours (optional). Place in heavy based saucepan. Mix sugar, curry, mustard and add to onions and tomato brew, Then add vinegar and stir. Place on stove and boil until onions are soft. Thicken with cornflour mixed with a little vinegar. More cornflour may be added if necessary.

CREATIVE ARTSFEST COMPETITION



Don't forget to get your entries in for the Creative ArtsFest - lots of cash prizes are up for grabs! It can be as simple as drawing a picture or taking a photograph out in the backyard. You are only limited by your imagination. Entry forms were included in the June newsletter, but can also be found at www.fitzroyridges.com.au

*******Entries close 1 September 2016*******

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Hilarious Homework Excuses

Don't try these at school!

My dad has all the pencils locked up in his office

I didn't have time because we had a new dishwasher installed

My dad forgot to do it for me

My mum did it wrong so I threw it out the bus window

A kangaroo ate it

I let somebody copy it and they never gave it back

My teeth itch

I did my homework, but when the Martians came, they sucked all the ink off my paper

Ridgeland State School

Community Fair

20th August 2016 10am-3pm



Multi Draw
Curly Lou's Twisted Balloons

Whip Cracking Display

Little Aussie Encounters

Face Painting

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Notices

Stitch and Chat Group

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 9.30 a.m.
Ridgeland QCWA room.
All welcome.
Phone Hilary Chippendale
4934 5125

Ridgeland & District Sporting & Agricultural Assn Inc.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Ridgeland Show grounds.
Next meeting
14 September 2016

QCWA Ridgeland Branch

Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday every month, commencing at 9.30 a.m.
Contact
Joyce 4934 5120
for further information.

QCWA Ridgeland Branch are hosting an

Afternoon Tea & Auction

at the Ridgeland Community Hall on
Sunday 11th September 2016
at 1.30pm.
Admission \$10.00
Children under 5 years Free
Lucky Door Prize, Raffles,
Multi-Draws and Auction.

Money raised will be donated to the Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service

Contact

Joyce Chippendale
(President) 49345120 or
Ann Jepson 49341421

Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Association

meeting will be held at the Alton Downs Hall on the 7th November 2016 at 7.30 pm.
All welcome

Community Notices

Around the Ridges Newsletter Committee would like to thank Big Colour Works for printing our newsletter every second month for free.
If you need something printed, please support Big Colour Works

The **Capricorn Christmas Trail** will be held on the 22nd & 23rd October 2016. The Trail is organised by the Inner Wheel Club of Rockhampton Sunset.

All funds raised will be donated to Carinity Communities Wahroonga who offer free Counselling & Psychology services for young people ages 10-24 years.

Community Dance will be held at the Alton Downs Hall on Friday the 30th September 2016 at 7.30 pm
Music will be provided by Sid Stickley. Supper included.

Come along and move those feet and swing those hips!

Heritage Village Markets

Sunday, 11 September 2016
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1 - 8 September

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to all the residents in our community who are have a birthday especially to –

Jack Bush
Jeff Estreich
Leonie Thompson
Karen Munro

Congratulations and have a wonderful day.

There are many more people in the area who have a birthday in September. Let us know and they can see their name in lights.

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Helpful Hints

Use mayonnaise to erase water stains from wooden furniture...

Anti-skid socks for little ones or old ones using Fabric paint to the bottoms
Be safe so doing this!

Mix two tablespoons of borax with jam, jelly, honey or syrup until there is a paste. Smear a little paste on some paper or a plate and put it where the ants gather. They should flock to it and eat it and take it back to the nest and it will act as a natural ant killer.....

DATECLAIMER– Christmas Karaoke in aid of **Ridgeland Hall Funds**.

3 December, 6.30pm at the Ridgeland Hall. All welcome

Joke of the Month

Q: What do you call a sad coffee?
A: Depresso

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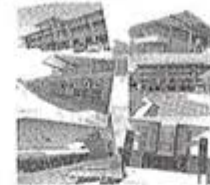
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