

# Around the Ridges

And a bit beyond

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## HORSING AROUND

With only a few weeks until the Melbourne Cup, this issue of *Around the Ridges* will focus on the many horse-based activities and sports on offer in the local community. We are lucky to have a number of talented cowboys and cowgirls from the local area excelling on the rodeo circuit - with many horsemen and women regularly riding, training and exercising their horses in yards and on properties.



The Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club has a strong contingent of players who travel and play away, with a well-appointed clubhouse on the grounds advertising its special meals on a Friday night on their Facebook page. The Club will be hosting their first **Christmas Fair** on **Saturday 26 November** from 3pm-8pm with local residents selling local produce and wares.

The Alton Downs Pony Club will be holding their meeting at the Alton Downs Hall on 1 November starting at 7.30pm.



Did you know that an **Alton Downs and Morinish Jockey Club** was active in the area at the turn of the century? A *Morning Bulletin* report from 3 May 1910 describes over 300 people attending the course at Deep Creek with a race track of six furlongs and four chains in good order for the meet.

Chairman J. Salmon and Secretary R. Dawbawn presided over the races which unfortunately highlighted a tragic accident. A young man who had arrived by steamer from Charters Towers the day before fell from his horse after striking the hoof of horse in front. The young man sustained a broken nose, smashed jaws and a severe injury to the base of the brain.



## MEET

some of our local riders doing the region proud

Jared  
**BORGHERO**  
(Mt Isa Rodeo)

Jordan  
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(Junior Cowboy)

Shane  
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(Cowboy)

Cameron  
**MILNER**  
(Team Roping)

Condolences to the family of Noel Connor who sadly passed away on 22 September 2016. Noel was a much-loved and respected resident of South Yaamba and Ridgeland before retiring and moving to Yeppoon in later years.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Alton Downs  
Hall

Friday 4 November 2016

7.30pm | \$5pp

Rounds will feature music memorabilia, TV and movie history, famous people, Australian, nature and pot luck quizzes. As this week is

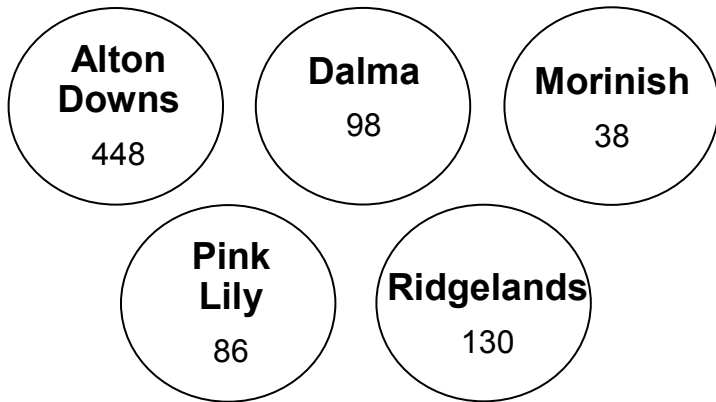
### National Recycling Week

teams are invited to dress up in their best recycled outfit with a prize for the Best Costume. Lucky Door prize, raffles and Money Board. Teams of six per table - individuals are welcome to register too. Heaps of fun and great prizes to be won. Book your table by calling Joyce on 4934 5120.

*\*For supper, bake a well-loved slice, cake or dish to share. This is your chance to try some classic retro recipes!*

# DID YOU KNOW?

More and more people are discovering how great it is to live in this area. The breakdown of the delivery of the *Around the Ridges* newsletter to every mailbox in the region each month highlights the number of residents in each vicinity.



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Take this opportunity to discuss:

- Scheduled Council work in your area
- Major projects Council is currently working on
- Your community priorities
- Council's services and the draft Corporate Plan

**LOCATION**

Date: Monday, 7 November 2016  
 Time: BBQ 6.30pm, Meeting 7pm-8pm  
 Venue: Alton Downs Hall (Corner Ridgelands Rd & Nicholson Rd). No RSVP necessary.

For more details call Community Engagement Officer Wade Clark on 4936 8577.

If you cannot attend a meeting you can provide feedback online at [www.rrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.rrc.qld.gov.au) - Community and Events - Regional Voice - Current Engagements.

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Did you hear about the man who was hospitalized with six plastic horses inside him? The doctor described his condition as stable.

*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!

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## LICENCED CHRISTMAS KARAOKE

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**Saturday 3 December 2016 | 6:30pm**

RIDGELANDS HALL

### BARBECUE MEAL

with a variety of accompaniments.

\* Adults \$10 with a lucky meal ticket

\* Primary School children \$5

Sweets will be served for a cost of \$3

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(suggested limit \$10) under the Christmas Tree with your child's name attached.

**Santa** will arrive to present the gifts.

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY

### Why is this day special?

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

From the Australian War Memorial website

### POTATO and EGG SALAD



8 baby potatoes, boiled in salted water until tender

4 eggs, hard boiled

1 punnet of cherry tomatoes

120g green beans, trimmed and par cooked

Drain and refresh in cold water

200g short cut bacon, fried golden brown and crispy ¼

cup seeded olives (optional)

Quantity of mixed salad leaves.

Place salad leaves in a large bowl.

Cut potatoes in half.

Peel eggs and cut in half.

Slice beans lengthways, halve cherry tomatoes.

Add all these ingredients to salad bowl.

**YUM!**

### LEST WE FORGET

A number of local men served in various chapters of the Light Horse regiment in World War I including:

- Patrick Bernard Dwyer
- George Edmestone
- William Alan Jones
- Ernest August Knickel
- Albert Charles Laverty
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From *WWI Alton Downs and District Servicemen*

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# LOVE your local community

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to our local residents celebrating their special day -

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Joshua Hunt  
Andy Schnalle  
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## CHRISTMAS FAIR Markets

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**Saturday**  
**26 November**  
**3pm - 8pm**

LOTS of great produce, local products, new and secondhand horse rugs, retro goodies and heaps of lovely things to look at and buy.  
Keep this date free.



## HORSE FACTS

Horses bear their weight on a single digit on each foot

The influence of the horse is expressed in the English language in such terms as *chivalry* and *cavalier*, which connote honour, respect, good manners, and straightforwardness.

## 60 Seconds with Hilary Chippendale from the Stitch and Chat Group

The group has been meeting in the CWA building near the Ridglands School for the past twenty years, attracting between three to ten members each month.

Members can bring their own craft -sewing, quilting, knitting, or crochet, with the kettle boiled for a morning cuppa around 9.30am.

You don't have to be a member of the QCWA to join, just turn up and stitch with other like-minded individuals. Classes are sometimes held to learn about new craft techniques — or special projects are created for fund-raising efforts for the annual Mother's Day Afternoon Tea or the RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue. The group is happy to welcome any new residents in the area with an interest in soft crafts and extend an open invitation to drop in!

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**Euchre | 500 | Bridge Whist | Gin Rummy | Canasta | Go Fish |**

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## TO THE DUMP, TO THE DUMP, TO THE DUMP, DUMP, DUMP!

Cleaning up around the place? Don't forget the opening hours for the **Alton Downs Waste Management Facility** (Transfer Station) located at 1890 Ridglands Road .

### Opening Hours: May – August

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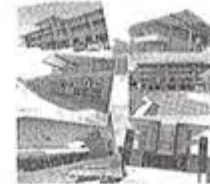
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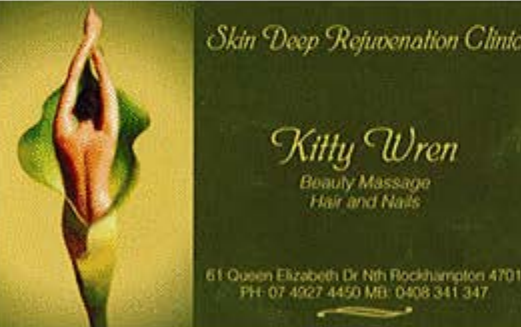
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