

# Around the Ridges

And a bit beyond

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## GIRL POWER



Did you know that International Women's Day will be celebrated on 8 March with the theme 'Be Bold For Change'? The annual celebration acknowledges the respect, appreciation and love towards women for their economic, political and social achievements.

On average, women hiccup less than men

The most children born to a couple was 69

A Russian mum (1707-1782) gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets

In **Saudia Arabia**, women are allowed to fly aircraft, although they must be chauffeured to the airport because it is illegal for them to drive a car

The Parliament of **Rwanda** is the only governing body in the world where women outnumber men

Women were first allowed to participate in the **Olympic Games** in 1900

The first computer programmer was a woman. **Ada Lovelace** was an English mathematician and writer (1815-1852) who worked on the algorithm for an early computing machine



## RIDGELANDS SHOWGROUNDS

3:00PM 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

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1.30pm | Sunday 7 May 2017

Ridgelands Community Hall  
Delicious afternoon tea  
Multi-draw

Money raised will be donated to the  
RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service

# MEET YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITORS



Our new editors for the newsletter will bring a fresh perspective on life in our wonderful community. Without further ado, here is an introduction:

## TRACEY BOON

### Where do you live?

*I live on South Yaamba Road and we grow sugar bananas for us and the community*

### How long have you lived in the area?

*I have lived at Alton Downs for 18 years*

### Favourite drink?

*Rum and soda with fresh lime*

### I relax by..

*Reading a good book*

### Nickname at school?

*I didn't have one, but my grandfather called me 'Smiley'*

### What's your pet - and his/her name?

*'Little Dog' is a Blue cattle x Chihuahua*

### What skill do you have that people may not know about?

*I'm a pretty good cook*

### Strangest thing you have seen on the Ridgелands Road travelling to town?

*A big teddy bear strapped to a post at the Laurel Banks turn off*

### Holden or Ford?

*I've owned both, but you can't beat an old Holden*

## CAROL PAGE

### Where do you live?

*Alton Downs*

### How long have you lived in the area?

*Ten years*

### I relax by..

*Catching up with family and friends*

### Nickname at school?

*Hobo*

### What's your pet - and his/her name?

*Our dog is called 'Cliff' - I also have two ducks called 'Grey' and 'Blue'*

### What skill do you have that people may not know about?

*I can sing....NOT!*

Marriage is like singing an opera.  
It looks easy until you try it.



The first Barbie Dolls went on sale on 12 Feb 1959

The toothpick was patented on 20 Feb

Nylon was patented by DuPont on 16 Feb 1937

## Western Ratepayers Update

A small number of people attended the AGM of the Western Ratepayers Association on Monday 6 February, with Robert Smith re-elected as President.

Road works were high on the agenda, with a number of areas discussed. These included various culverts, the Sandy Creek Bridge, bitumen on Nicholson Road - and the upgrading of Chippendale's Hill on Calmorin Road. A request for a 3km air strip site for a local crop duster was raised, with interested parties invited to contact Alan Rose.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHS

Karen and Cliff Munro are delighted to announce the arrival of their first grand-daughter, Anna Christine Maree Gauld, on 5 January 2017, first baby for Karlee and Adam Gauld. Congratulations!

### DEATHS

Condolences to the family and friends of Samuel Morgan of Ridgелands who passed away on 30 December 2016.

## NEWSFLASH!

**"If people don't support local sporting groups, they are more likely to fold - which is a great shame for the community," said Karen Salmond, Ridgелands Tennis Club Secretary.**

"If you are new to the region, it's a terrific way of meeting neighbours, and getting fit at half the price of the gyms in town. Club membership is cheap and enables you to play tennis under lights with a great group of local residents. We would love to hear from anyone (of any playing ability) interested in finding out more about the social tennis opportunities on offer. Please call 0429 968 771 for more details."

***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!

Our new editors need your support - please drop a line to the email address!

# Ridgелands School NEWS

This year we welcome new staff members Mrs Amanda Davies and Mrs Krystal Caton to Ridgелands State School. Amanda is working in the upper class as well as offering LOTE (Japanese) across the school. Krystal is also working in the upper room as well offering PE across the school.

We also have a Pre-service teacher with us this year. Rianna is in her final year at CQU and will be undertaking her internship later in the year, with Mrs Balmain and the P-2 students. I wish Rianna all the best for her practicum and internship here at Ridgелands.

At the end of last year I began conversations with Mr Carlson from Mt Morgan Central SS in relation to joining his teams for sport. I am happy to announce that we will be participating in interschool sport for the year. First term sports are Oz Tag and Soccer. Students in y4, 5 & 6 are encouraged to play each Friday and have already indicated to us which sport they are wanting to play. Transport to and from the sporting venue will be the responsibility of parents. I encourage all students to be involved in these team sports as it develops a great sportsmanship and a focus of teamwork to reach a goal.

Venetta Jones Principal, Ridgелands State School

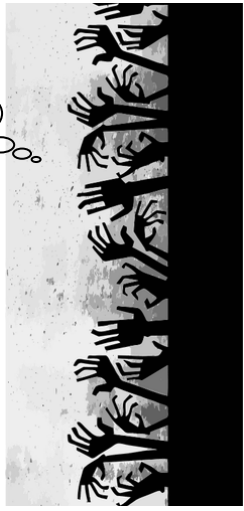
## Sweet Potato Slice

### Ingredients:

- 1 sweet potato, shredded
- 1 zucchini, shredded
- 4 bacon rashers, finely diced
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 1 tablespoon garlic
- 1 tablespoon clives
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mmmm!

YUM!



### Method:

Add all ingredients together and mix well. Place mixture into a non-stick slice pan. Bake at 220C (180) fan-forced for 40-50 minutes. Serve with salad or sweet potato chips.

**Every uphill has its downhill.**

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## RIDGELANDS CAMPDRAFT

14 - 16 APRIL  
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Showgrounds

More info:  
Belinda Ellrot 4934 5131



**Stitch and Chat Group**  
28 Feb and 14 Mar  
9.30am  
QCWA Hall Ridgeland's

**Ridgeland's Show**  
3 June 2017  
**\*\*Giant Pumpkin Competition\*\***

**Alton Downs Pony Club**  
Meeting | 7 March | 7.30pm  
Alton Downs Hall

**ALTON DOWNS HALL**  
Hall Meeting | 7.30pm | 22 Feb  
Indoor Bowls | 7.30pm | 11 March  
Dance | 7.30pm | 31 March  
Cent Sale | 7.30pm | 22 April  
Card Night | 7.30pm | 20 May

*The word 'WOMAN' comes from the Middle English word 'wifman', meaning 'wife of the man'*

## WANTED

The Ridgeland's School is seeking donations from the community - can you help?

**Fridge** - for the upper school students at the school



*(Do you remember eating soggy, hot sandwiches when you were young?)*


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**Ridgeland's & District Sporting & Agricultural Association**  
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Ridgeland's Showgrounds



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to all our local residents celebrating their special day in February



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- Charlie Frankish
- Anne Herring
- Jesse Laver
- Jessica O'Neill
- Jenny Prince
- Lyn Rosenberg
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- Lorraine Ryan
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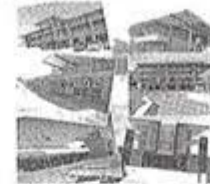
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