

# Around the Ridges and a bit beyond

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## QWCDTA Inc. Working Dog Trial Results Ridgeland 17 – 18 June 2017

The inaugural Working Dog Trials were held in June at Ridgeland Showgrounds. There was an excellent turnout for this inaugural event with competitors representing many parts of Queensland from Home Hill to Crows Nest.

Special guest Tom Berrie president of the Queensland Working Cattle Dog Trial Association Inc. attended the event and also judged the Bush Handler Trial.

The dogs and handler start with 100 points and have six minutes to manoeuvre three head (of cattle) through a four obstacle course. They then lose points for every mistake the dog or their handler make.

The superior quality of both dogs and cattle were reflected in the high scores with many over 95 points.

### **The Winners were for the:**

#### **Maiden Trial**

**Judged by: Stan Dunkley**

Dave Moxon with Young Kelsie from 39 dogs.

#### **Novice Trial**

**Judged by: Stan Dunkley**

Dave Moxon with Billric Alley from 50 dogs.

#### **Bush Handler Trial**

**Judged by: Tom Berrie**

Nathan Warnock with Halls Sweet.

#### **Open Trial**

**Judged by: Robert Callcott**

Steve Skewes with McNamaras Scotty from 71 dogs.

Steve Skewes is now in 4th place with McNamaras Scotty for the Queensland 2016-17 Open Dog of the Year.

A big thank you to Jeff and Lynda Edgar who donated the

cattle used in these events.

According to Peter Lawton the cattle were very well behaved and the dogs had a great time, so keen, so alert, and even colourful. Watching the handlers was also great entertainment. They showed a range of emotions e.g. frustration, despair and joy.



Left to right:  
*Stuart Jones, Matt Frankish, Steve Skewes (Open Winner), Tom Berrie (QWCDTAI President)*



# Fitzroy River Turtle

Scientific name: *Rheodytes leukops*

The Fitzroy River turtle is light to dark brown in colour and grows to approximately 260mm in carapace length.

This turtle was first described in 1980 and is only found in the Fitzroy River and its tributaries, around Rockhampton in eastern central Queensland.

The species occurs within permanent freshwater riverine reaches and large, isolated permanent waterholes with rocky, gravelly or sandy bottoms.

The Fitzroy River turtle is known as the "bum breathing turtle" by locals. It is capable of obtaining up to 70% of necessary oxygen through its anus, in a process called cloacal respiration. Through this process, the Fitzroy River turtle can remain underwater for up to three weeks. This turtle is an adept bottom feeder, preying on terrestrial and aquatic insects, macroinvertebrates, crustaceans, algae, aquatic snails, worms, freshwater sponges and aquatic plants such as ribbon weed.



The breeding season is from September to November. Females excavate a nest in the sand or gravel riverbank during the night and lay about 20 eggs in each of one or more clutches, each egg is about 29mm long and 21mm wide. The eggs take about 47 days to hatch (at 30 degrees Centigrade). The hatchlings are barely bigger than a 20 cent piece.

The turtles face threats from foxes, pigs, dogs and feral cats eating eggs from their nests.

The turtles' feeding and breeding areas are river banks which when disturbed by floods, people and cattle effects the turtles.

Also reduced water quality in local waterways from excessive fertilisers, pesticides, salt and other chemicals in the water as well as soil erosion impacts on the turtle

population.

Their habitat comprises a total area of less than 10,000 km<sup>2</sup>, including the Fitzroy, Mackenzie and Dawson rivers. The Fitzroy River turtle is listed as Vulnerable under both the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and the Queensland Nature Conservation Act.

*Department of Environment and Heritage and Fitzroy Basin Association*

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# Free BBQ Dance

Celebrating Seniors Week

Everyone is invited to this free BBQ and Dance  
Young, Old and Inbetween are welcome to socialize  
and enjoy the BBQ and Dance.



Alton Downs Hall  
6:30pm Saturday 26th August

## Partial Lunar Eclipse Tuesday 8th August

Starts 3:22am Ends 5:18am

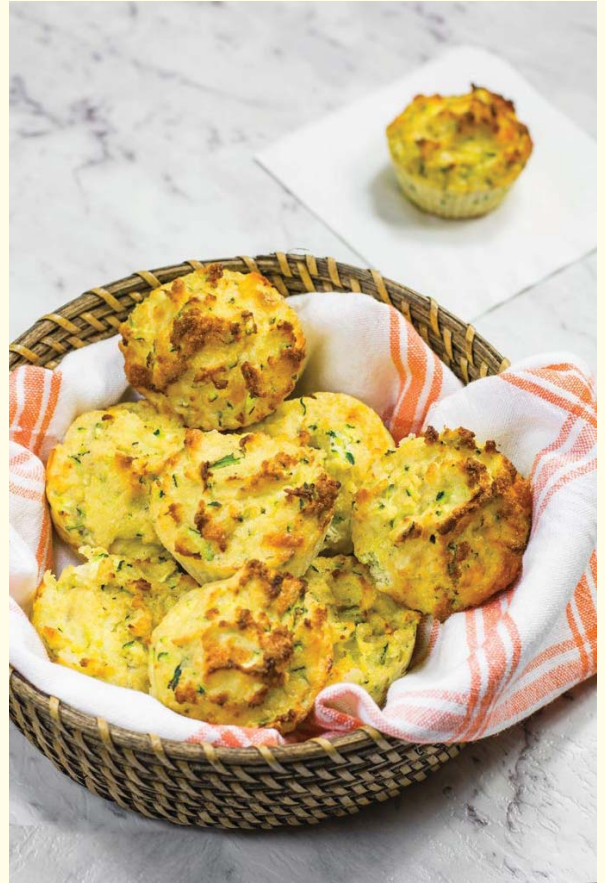
During this partial lunar eclipse, the Earth's shadow covers only parts of the Moon, as seen from Rockhampton.

## GARDEN PARTY

Hillary Chippendale is holding a Garden Party in aid of the Cancer Council at 119 Chippendale Rd, Ridgeland on the 20th August, commencing 1.30 p.m.  
Lucky Door, Multi Draw raffle  
Gold Coin entry  
Everyone is welcome

*Around the Ridges Newsletter* provides information to the community with a circulation to 800 local households plus current and back issues freely available on the internet at [fitzroyridges.com.au](http://fitzroyridges.com.au)

## Cheese and Zucchini Muffins



### Ingredients:

- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 1 zucchini, grated
- 125g can corn kernels, drained
- ¼ cup chopped chives
- ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ¼ cup canola oil

### Instructions:

1. Combine flour, zucchini, corn, chives and parmesan in a bowl.
2. Add grated cheese, milk, eggs and canola oil.
3. Divide between a lined, 12-hole muffin tray.
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September to April

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday  
and Sunday: 3pm - 6pm  
Closed Christmas Day

## ALTON DOWNS HALL

Indoor Bowls	26 Aug	7:30pm
Hall Meeting	23 Aug	7:30pm
Dance	26 Aug	6.30pm
Dance	29 Sept	7.30pm

## Alton Downs Pony Club

Meeting 1st Tuesday  
of the month 7.30pm  
Alton Downs Hall

Next Meeting 1-8-2017

## Alton Downs Indoor Bowls

2nd Saturday of every month  
7:30pm

Next Bowls Night 12-8-2017

## Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Association

Meetings for 2017

Monday 7th August 2017  
7:30pm

Monday 6th November 2017  
7:30pm

If you have a problem that you  
would like the Rockhampton Re-  
gional Council to address, come  
along to the meeting and explain  
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Brendan Louttit T/A



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## QCWA Ridgelsands Branch

Meeting 1st Wednesday every  
month commencing at 9.30am  
QCWA Ridgelsands Hall  
Contact Joyce 4934 5120

QCWA Ridgelsands Branch will be  
holding an Afternoon Tea  
and multi draw raffle on  
Sunday 10 September at 1.30 p.m.  
in aid of the

Capricorn Helicopter Service.

Please support this most worthy cause

## Ridgelsands & District Sporting & Agricultural Association Inc

Meetings are held on the 2nd  
Wednesday of the month,  
commencing at 7.30 p.m.  
at the Ridgelsands Show grounds.

Next meeting 9-8-2017

## Ridgelsands Play Group

Wensdays fortnightly  
during school terms.

All parents & children welcome.

Please bring along a plate of food to share.

Krissy Wilkings 0407 743 141

## Saint Lukes Anglican Church

Service 11am fourth Sunday of each  
month at the QCWA Hall Ridgelsands

## Stitch and Chat Group

Meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
of every month at 9:30am

QCWA Hall Ridgelsands  
4934 5125

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all our local residents  
celebrating their special

day in August:

Blue Shepherd  
Bruce Reid  
Connor Hunt  
Frank Dawson



Jack Bush  
Jack Sleaford  
Joel Estreich  
Maurice McQuillan

## Agriculture & Human Health Solutions Forum

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10th to 12th September 2017  
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## Annual Country Fair

Ridgelsands State School  
19th August 2017 Start 2pm  
Everyone welcome  
Please come along and support  
our local school.

Anyone who would like to play  
Indoor Bowls at Alton Downs Hall  
monthly on Saturday nights please  
contact Sid ph. 4934 1147  
Next Bowls Night 12-8-2017

## Community Sign at Pink Lily

To promote your local  
Community Event on the sign,  
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# Sign on Day

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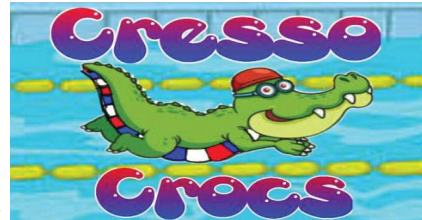
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# Ridgeland State School



# Country Fair



**When—Saturday 19th August**

**Time— 2pm till late**

**Where—Ridgeland State School, Dalma Ridgeland Road**

**Gold Coin Entry**

**Mechanical Bull Competition!**

*Rides for Kids*

**Bal-**

**Market Stalls!**

**Face Painting**

*Home Baked Goods!*

**Animal Nursery**

**Multi Draw Raffle**

**Music**

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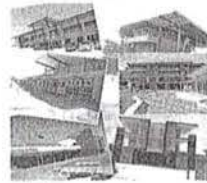
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