

# Around the Ridges and a bit beyond

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## Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

Our tour started early on Thursday morning 14th September 2017 with Rothery's Coaches. We joined 34 other adventurers. The bus made its way down through the inland roads. We stopped at Munduberra (it was cold! and we thought winter had gone). The landscape was dry but with patches of irrigated land. It was still very picturesque.

We arrived in Toowoomba late afternoon with the news that the temperature in the morning would be 3 degrees. Even though the mornings and evenings were quite fresh, the days were glorious sunshine.

The first day we visited Spring Bluff Railway station which is down the Toowoomba range. It is an actual railway line and we had to give way to a coal train. The gardens were spectacular on both sides of the line.



Back to Toowoomba and we visited St Patricks Church, which was amazing with fresh flowers cascading down the pillars of the church and floral displays everywhere.

Lunch was at the Lutheran Church which had an orchid show. Robyn Edmiston won the raffle and took home a lovely orchid. The church has an amazing glass window which covered the length of the church.

The next day was an early start and we had on board a lovely lady guide. Barbara was very knowledgeable about Toowoomba and surrounds. We visited different garden



winner. Even though a lot of the gardeners were elderly the time and effort that went into the gardens was amazing.

The Grand prize winner was a native garden which was a bit different. To have all the trees flowering at once must have taken a lot of expertise. Each garden we visited was different, some with vegetables, some with chooks, water features and little garden settings. I have to mention my favourite (which came second). The garden was at Helidon on acreage and around each corner was something different. One feature was the flowers growing out of the lawn in the shape of Australia. Each state had its own flowers.

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We then moved onto St Luke's Church where we had lunch. The church had a concert band and wind ensemble performing amongst all the flowers in the church. At 3.00 p.m. we had reserved under shade seating, to watch the magical street parade. After the parade we visited a Clivia flower show. The gardens were full of these flowers (I had not seen them before). Ladies on the bus bought plants, but I'm not sure how they would perform in our climate. We finished the day inspecting more prize winning gardens. A big day.

Sunday was another interesting day. We visited the Jondaryan Woolshed. Len was in his element. We started the day with morning tea, damper and golden syrup. We then visited numerous displays - blacksmithing, working sheep dog trials, whip cracking and trick horse riding. An ex Shearer gave a talk on the history of the sheep industry.

Lunch was back at the wool shed (I have never seen chandeliers and fairy lighting in a shed before). We had camp oven stew followed by fruit salad and ice cream. Next came a display of sheep shearing. After lunch we were all treated to a horse and cart ride. There was so much antique machinery and it brought back many memories for Len and I.

Monday was pack up day ready for our trip home. We took a different route home, going through Ban Ban Springs and Biggeden where we had a delicious lunch, then onto the coastal route arriving home late evening.

I must make mention of our bus driver Alan. Nothing was too much trouble for him and Rothery's Coaches spared no expense in giving us a delightful time. We end our journey making new friends, especially Diane, Robyn, Jean and Audrey. Hope to do something similar again.

Contributed by Ann Jepson.

## Ridgeland's State School

Wow Term Four already. We have eight weeks of school remaining this year. In these eight weeks, our students are going to be extremely busy.

On Thursday 12 October, our Step into Prep program began. It was great to see the little ones stepping up to see what it will be like in Prep. Thanks must go out to our

facilitator Mrs Pierce for the many hours she has put into this program to help make it a success.

I love this time of the year and all of the celebrations that occur. We have our Year Six graduation and fun day, our Christmas/End of Year concert and our Break-up and Water day. We have decided to run the celebrations a little different this year.

I believe that it is important that all the students get to celebrate the graduation of our Year Six students, due to the fact that we promote the interactivity every single day at school. So, we have decided to hold our Graduation and our End of Year Awards and Concert together. As a staff, we struggled with availability outside of school hours in those busy weeks and have decided to hold these days during school time. So, Our Year Six Graduation and End of Year Awards/ Concert will be on 4 December, 2017, beginning at 9am. The Graduation Ceremony will be held first and then after morning tea we will move into the Awards/ Concert. On conclusion of this we will be sitting down for a meal of pizza. This will be a formal sit-down meal at the tables and chairs. After our lunch, students will kick in to their usual end of year water fights and then (if time permits) relax in an afternoon of movies and popcorn! More information about our end of year celebrations will be sent out closer to the date.

Our Year Six fun day will be the day after Graduation, 5 December. Our school break-up day will be Wednesday 6 December and general classroom clean-up will be 7 December.

We are also beginning nominations for student leadership position for next year. Our Year five students will have the chance to run for the leadership positions whilst other students will be running for Student Council positions. The results of this process will also be shared at our Awards night.

At the beginning of next month, I am attending an iEducate conference in Brisbane. I can't wait to see what this will bring and how it will enhance our school. Seeing as we are becoming a QldTech School next year I think it will be very advantageous.

As you are aware, term four always means looking at our numbers for next year. If you know that your child/ren will not be attending RSS next year, or if you have a child attending that you have not enrolled yet, could you please inform the school as soon as possible. We are beginning to work out classroom numbers and staffing.

I am looking forward the next few weeks.

Yours in education,  
Venetta Jones

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Hi folks,  
Just thought you may be interested to know I have received an email from a family member of George Goodman advising that he passed away on 25-9-2017 aged 102 years .

Kindest regards,  
Brad Colley.

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*Show me a man that thinks Aussie Rules is the national pastime and I'll show you a man who never played doctors and nurses when he was a kid!*

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Two children were in a doctor's waiting room. The little girl was softly sobbing.  
"Why are you crying?" asked the little boy.  
"I'm here for a blood test, and they're going to cut my finger," said the girl.  
When he heard this, the little boy started to cry.  
"Why are you crying?" asked the girl.  
The boy looked at her worriedly and said, "I'm here for a urine test."

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## Tom Hoare Retires

On behalf of the Alton Downs Hall Committee, we would like to pay tribute to our retiring President, Mr Tom Hoare. Tom has been our President from 1994 until 2017 which amounts to 23 years.

There are not many people who hold positions in an organisation for such a long period. Tom has been a tireless worker for the hall and still enjoys being involved in the many functions which are held at the hall.

Tom is a trustee for the hall and the Hoare family has been involved in the upkeep and running of the hall since its inception.

Well done Tom.

May you enjoy many more functions.

## PEACH CLAFOUTIS



### Ingredients:

2/3 cup plain flour  
2 tbsp custard powder  
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup milk  
200g vanilla yoghurt  
4 egg whites  
400g can peach slices, drained

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 190c.  
Grease a 23cm round baking dish.  
Sift flour, custard powder and nutmeg into a bowl.  
Stir in sugar.  
Whisk milk, yoghurt and egg whites together.  
Beat into flour until smooth.  
Pour into dish.  
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  - Your community priorities
  - Council's services

### **Alton Downs Community BBQ**

**Date:** 6 November 2017

**Time:** 6.30pm - 8pm (BBQ starts at 6pm)

**Venue:** Alton Downs Hall

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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Hall Meeting 22 Nov 7:30pm

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Meeting 1st Tuesday  
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Alton Downs Hall

## Indoor Bowls

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Krissy Wilkings 0407 743 141

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- Chinese Proverb -



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