

Around the Ridges and a bit beyond

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Christmas message

On behalf of the committee of Around the Ridges newsletter we would like to wish everybody in our community a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. This is our last newsletter for 2017 and can you believe that it is only 6 weeks to Christmas.

I know we say it every year but “where has the year gone”. I am sure when I was a little girl life did not go so fast, but we all know that time does not stand still.

However you celebrate Christmas, be it with your family or on holidays, make memories and enjoy the company of your family and friends. Eat, Drink and be Merry.

In the last couple of months most of us have had some wonderful rain and it is great to see it all so green.

So bring on some more.

We look forward to 2018.

School's Out Forever

On behalf of Around the Ridges community we would like to congratulate all the year 12 students on the competition of their secondary schooling.

A whole new future is now ahead of you and for some it will be University, for some an apprenticeship and others may choose to have a gap year, but whatever you have all decided we wish you all the best.

If you are going to schoolies week, look out for each other and if somebody tries to talk you into something and you feel it is not a good idea, don't do it.

Remember you are the generation of the future so look after yourselves, but most of all have fun.

RCC Connecting with the Local Community

The RCC Community Conversation Meeting was held in conjunction with the Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Association on the 6th November 2017 at the Alton Downs Hall.

Cr Wickerson opened the meeting and provided a brief overview of the economy, population growth and Adani Carmichael economic stimulus.

The Council provided an overview of works completed in the Alton Downs area over the last 6 months including the following:-

Replacement of Louisa Creek Bridge on Bishop Rd.

Upgrades to the concrete floodways on Dalma-Ridgeland Rd, Glenroy Rd, Morinish Rd, Glenroy-Marlborough Rd. South Yaamba Rd and replacement on Garnant Rd. Lion Mountain Rd. Widening of 1.6Km concrete floodway on Nine Mile Rd.

Grading & gravel resheeting of Hunt Rd and Lion Mountain Rd. Upgrade of Sheldrake & Harnsworth Rds intersection and the replacement of Sandy bridge alignment on South Yaamba Rd.

Bitumen seal to approx. 5.2KM the Waroula end of the Stanwell-Waroula Rd.

The Council provided works programmed for the Alton Downs area for the next 6 months and an outline of works to be considered for future Council budgets.

A number of topics were discussed which included:-



Council's financial contribution to the Adani, Carmichael Mine.

Council's current and future debt position.

Concerns about the condition of Lion Mountain Rd.

Suggestion that a passing lane is required prior to the Louisa Bridge.

Resident requested that the “boy on the chair sculpture” in the Southside Library be moved to a more prominent position within the library.

Resident requested that Council install toilet facilities in the Wandal area.

Bitumen to be scheduled for Glenroy Rd in 2022 should be brought forward.

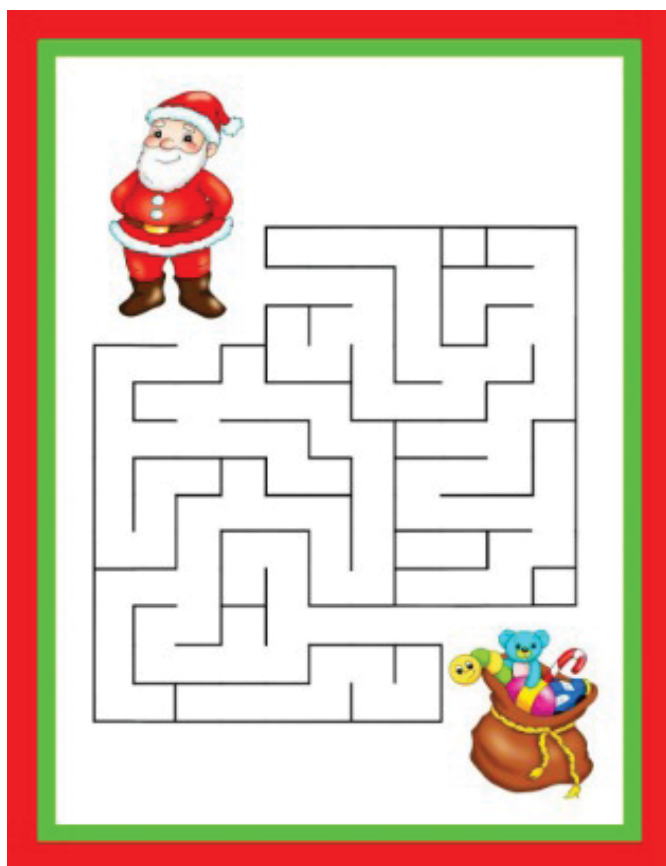
Request for larger and better signage to increase recycling awareness at waste transfer stations.

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Make some decoration for your Christmas tree.

Find your way to Santa sack.



Christmas Word Search

HOLLY
REINDEER
SANTA
GIFTS
STOCKING
MISTLETOE
FAMILY

G	H	O	H	T	K	O	W	F	O
D	X	O	H	E	B	F	W	A	Z
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Colour in Santa.



Q. Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?

A. Rude-olph!

Q: What do sheep say to each other at Christmas?

A: Merry Christmas to ewe

Q: What happened to the thief who stole a Christmas Calendar?

A: He got 12 months

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Resident raised concerns that a garbage truck that had been collecting waste along Ridgeland Rd had some rubbish coming from it. Another resident raised that the person that drives the rubbish truck does a good job.

Request for Council to plan the bitumening of Hunt Rd. Council took this question on notice and will report through the next meeting of Fitzroy Northern Area Ratepayers Association.

Resident requested some bitumen at the start of Hunt Rd. It was suggested that locals could assist Council with grading of roads. Council indicated that it is legislated that it is Council's responsibility to maintain roads and that Council wouldn't require residents to assist.

Council was asked if they were considering dredging the river to assist floodwaters to move through the Fitzroy River. Council indicated that there was a variety of methods investigated and that a variety of levees was the most suitable approach considering costs and benefits.

It was highlighted that Reid Rd, a bus route Rd had corrugations.

It was highlighted that the Rd to Paradise Lagoons has the incorrect camber slope.

Resident suggested that the thinning of trees at Hansons Bridge would improve safety.

Resident requested for a traffic counter to be placed on Nicholson Rd.

Resident requested Council remove fallen trees from a footpath section along Dalma-Ridgeland Rd.

Delivery of Newsletter

If you are receiving your newsletter and you know that your neighbour is not receiving one, please contact us on 4934 1192 or email aroundtheridges@hotmail.com as it has come to our attention that for some time now not everyone is receiving the newsletter. In order to correct this situation we need to know which specific areas are missing out. We pay \$155.00 per month to have this newsletter delivered to every home in our community.

Get Well Soon

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Ingredients:

- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 50g butter, softened
- 1 cup icing-sugar mixture
- 2 cups Kellogg's Coco Pops
- 1x375 milk Choc Melts, melted
- 1 ½ teaspoons vegetable oil



Instructions:

- Beat butter, peanut butter and icing-sugar in a small bowl with an electric mixer until combined.
- Stir in Coco Pops; mix well.
- Roll teaspoons of mixture into balls; place on baking paper-lined trays.
- Refrigerate until firm.
- Combine Choc Melts and oil in a bowl; mix well.
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Volume fee per m ³	\$49

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Christmas Dance 8 Dec 7:30pm
Indoor Bowls 9 Dec 7:30pm

Alton Downs Pony Club

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

Indoor Bowls

2nd Saturday of every month
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Christmas Dance

at the Alton Downs Hall
on Friday 8th December 2017
at 7.30pm
Music by Two Can
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Meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday
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AGM
9:00am 9th December 2017
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