

# Around the Ridges and a bit beyond

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## Some WORLD WAR I Snippets

Contributed by *Gloria Kelley*

416,809 Australians enlisted for service in the First World War, representing 38.7% of the total male population aged between 18 and 44.

*Ref: Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Official yearbook of the Commonwealth of Australia, no. 12, 1919 (Melbourne: Albert J. Mullett, 1919).*

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In 1906 the population of the Alton Downs district was 146 and by 1914 had risen to approximately 374 men & women. While it is difficult to calculate the percentage of men who enlisted from our community, it is believed that the number of enlistments from our district was very high. Records indicate that during the war period, 47 men enlisted and saw active service. Our casualties were high - 10 men of the 47 did not return or died of war related conditions.

At the outbreak of the War, the number of people volunteering to enlist for the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) was so high that recruitment officers turned away approximately 33% of all volunteers during the first year of the war.

But by 1916 casualty rates were increasing, so physical standards of age and height, as well as dental and ophthalmic fitness were relaxed and previously ineligible men were deemed eligible for enlistment.

Men for railway sections and mining corps were accepted up to 50 years, and men with spectacles were allowed to enter the ASC, AMC and ordnance corps. On enlistment recruits were examined for BC or D tattooed on their skin. These were British army tattoos. BC stood for bad character and D for deserter.

*Ref: <https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/encyclopedia/enlistment>*



Recruits from Rockhampton and district, pictured with recruiting banners in Brisbane before entering camp. The banners read: "*We are the recruits for the AIF from Central Q'land will you join us*" and may have been used in one of the recruitment marches which happened around Australia. Published in the Queenslander 24 November 1917, page 22, the original caption reads "*A party of recruits from Rockhampton who recently marched through Brisbane to help the volunteer movement. F W Thiel photo.*"

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By 1916, as the casualty rates increased and the number of volunteers declined and less men volunteered, the AIF faced a shortage of men. (The two conscription referenda of 1916 & 1917 were defeated and Australia & South Africa were the only two countries to send men to WW1 who were volunteers).

As with other areas, Recruiting Sergeants were sent to Alton Downs to encourage men to join:

ALTON DOWNS. (From Our Own Correspondent.) Mr. E. T. Shorley, accompanied by recruiting Sergeants Fulton and De Baumford, and Mr. C.E. Whitman, Shire Clerk, paid a visit to the district last night and addressed a meeting in the Hall on recruiting.

They were assisted also by Mr. A. Duncan and Mr. J. Cummings. Mr. W. Crook, Chairman of the Farmers' Association, was voted to the chair. Mr. Shorley had returned with him showing that there were approximately fifty single young men in the district, who were eligible for service, and of that number there were only three or four present.

The quota required for the Shire of Fitzroy was forty-five at the present time, and fifteen per month. The Allies would win but they must have the men. The more that went to assist in the struggle the less would be the bloodshed. He had been given to understand that ten men had enlisted from this district, and many of those that had gone had German blood in their veins. Such men were free Britishers. What had made them such? They had heard their parents speak of the difference of living under the German and the British flag. These men had seen they were living under the freest and best country on God's earth, and they were proud to shoulder a rifle to defend that country.

Would not some of the young men of the district go and assist their mates to keep the Union Jack floating? Let them consider for one moment the treatment that had been meted out to the defenceless, the weak, and the aged of the countries that had been invaded by the enemy. Had it not been for the British Navy the fate that had befallen these countries would have also befallen Australia. If the women of Australia had been treated in the scandalous manner of women of the other countries would it not stir the young men of this district to action? He thought it would. Then why not enlist to-night and go and avenge the insults and atrocities that had been metered out to their sisters in Europe. The speaker referred feelingly to the assassination of Nurse Cavell and said he was pleased to see by the press reports that her betrayer had been assassinated also. He appealed to the wealthier classes

to assist by putting their money into the war loan. Mr. Shorley made a very earnest appeal for recruits and resumed his seat amidst loud applause.

Ref: *The Capricornian* 5 Feb 1916 p.28

## Well Done Merle

by Ann Jepson

On behalf of the Ridgeland QCWA we would like to make mention of one of our members, Mrs. Merle Smith who has excelled at the recent QCWA State Conference in Brisbane. Mrs. Smith set a record by being awarded winner of the Champion Knitted Entry, Champion Crochet Entry and Grand Champion of the Knitting and Crochet competition for 2017.



*Merle Smith (left) recipient of the 2017 Joyce Roffey Memorial Trophy - Most Successful Exhibitor Horticulture/Agriculture presented by Karen Salmon (right) Steward for the Horticulture/Agriculture Sections for the Ridgeland Show.*

*photo by Karen Salmon*

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**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 the previous month — if you have a special event, allow two months lead time if possible.

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She has also a prize for her miniature floral art. What an achievement to be best in the State of Queensland with entries coming from 200 Branches throughout Queensland.

Mrs. Smith has been a member of the Ridgeland Branch since 1969 and in that time has picked up many awards locally. At the local Show she has received the trophy for the most points awarded for Cookery, Handcraft, Knitting & Crochet and Horiculture for many years.

Mrs. Smith is a very talented lady and we would like to pay tribute for her achievements.

Well done Merle.

## A Walk Down Memory Lane

Pink Lilly was a very productive area. There were at least seven dairies, a wood depot, wood cutters, piggeries, slaughter houses, Chinese market gardens, brickworks and of course 'Harveston' which was the showpiece for the district.

Harveston was a Stud Farm incorporating a Jersey Stud, a Middle White pig farm, orchards and a poultry farm. Located on the site of the present Fitzroy Nurseries, Harveston was owned by the Coates Family.

Their chicken hatchery was one of the biggest hatcheries in the southern hemisphere. Every week at least six carts of fruit, including citrus, papaws and mangoes would be hawked from house to house.

Day old chickens, poultry and cream were sold to the public.

*Fitzroy Flashbacks written by Pat Peach*

## Tuna Pasta Bake

### Ingredients:

- 60g Butter
- ¼ cup plain Flour
- 2 ½ cups Milk
- 1 cup grated Tasty Cheese
- 300g Rigatoni Pasta, cooked, drained
- 425g can Tuna in oil
- 1 ½ cups frozen mixed Vegetables
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan
- 2 tbsp chopped Parsley
- Salad to serve

### Method:

In a large saucepan, melt butter on medium heat. Add flour and cook, stirring, 1 minute.



Remove from heat and gradually whisk in milk until smooth.

Return to heat and cook, stirring until sauce boils and thickens.

Reduce heat to low and simmer 3 mins. Remove from heat. Stir in half of the cheese until melted and combined.

Stir cooked pasta, tuna, and vegetables through sauce. Season to taste. Pour into lightly greased 8-cup casserole dish.

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Indoor Bowls	14 Apr 7:30pm
Cent sale	21 Apr 2:00pm
Hall Meeting	25 Apr 7:30pm
Card Night	12 May 7:30pm
Hall Meeting	23 May 7:30pm
Indoor Bowls	9 Jun 7:30pm
Hall Meeting	27 Jun 7:30pm
Dance	29 Jun 7:30pm
Dance	13 Jul 7:30pm
Indoor Bowls	14 Jul 7:30pm
Hall Meeting	25 Jul 7:30pm
Indoor Bowls	11 Aug 7:30pm
Hall Meeting	22 Aug 7:30pm
Dance	31 Aug 7:30pm
Card Night	8 Sept 7:30pm
Hall Meeting	26 Sept 7:30pm
Dance	12 Oct 7:30pm
Hall Meeting	24 Oct 7:30pm
Indoor Bowls	10 Nov 7:30pm
Dance	30 Nov 7:30pm
Hall Meeting	28 Nov 7:30pm

A person who knows they can,  
and a person who knows they  
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QCWA Ridglands Hall  
Contact Val Ciesiolka 4934 8159

## Ridglands & District Sporting & Agricultural Association Inc

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

## Saint Lukes Anglican Church

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

## Stitch and Chat Group

Meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
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Peter Craig  
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## Anzac Day Dawn Service

The Alton Downs & Combined  
District Anzac Day Memorial  
Dawn Service Committee would  
like to invite the community to  
attend the dawn service which  
will be held on Wednesday 25th  
April at 4.28 am followed by a  
Gun Fire breakfast.  
We look forward to seeing  
everyone.

The Around the Ridges news-  
letter committee would like  
to wish everyone in the com-  
munity a very Happy and Safe  
Easter.

## Ridglands Show

The Ridglands & District  
Sporting & Agricultural As-  
sociation Inc. will be holding  
their annual agricultural show  
on Saturday 2nd June com-  
mencing 8.00 am Stall holders  
are welcome.

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