

# Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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**PLEASE TELL US YOUR STORIES!**

We want to hear them!!!! Please send your story, as you are a valued part of our community and this newsletter.

IN MEMORY OF John Leverly Ryan 14/12/1934 – 11/2/2014

John was born at Beaconsfield, Tasmania in 1934.

He attended primary and secondary school in Launceston and by his own admission was a "poor scholar" at High School, preferring sport over study.

His father told him he would never earn a living through sport.

His first job was at the Launceston Examiner as a sports writer!

John worked in all media- newspapers, magazines, radio and TV.

He was posted to Port Moresby as a correspondent with AAP-REUTERS news service.

His flat mate had an unfortunate habit when answering the phone saying loudly "AAP-ROOTERS CORRESPONDENTS RESIDENCE."

He married Lorraine (a fellow Tasmanian and former Launceston High School student) in Port Moresby in 1962. When he requested a week off for a honeymoon the answer was "yes – providing no big stories broke!"

He wrote a book "The Hot Land: Focus on New Guinea".

John, Lorraine, Kate and Liz lived in Sydney after returning to Australia where John worked as a sub-editor on the Daily Mirror.

Tiring of big city life the family were looking for a "block of dirt" and travelled as far as Airlie Beach before settling at Alton Downs in 1981.

The family planted over 300 trees on the block and have many interesting memories - a flash flood in Black Gin Creek Road where everyone was lined up unable to get home until a gulley was safe, a yellow bellied black snake in our bed, helping to lay a cricket pitch at the sports ground, Liz learning to horse ride at pony club, Lorraine trying to get to work after heavy rain and stalling the car near the Community Hall with Mick Galvin towing her home (thanks Mick).

John worked as a casual journalist with ABC TV news at Rockhampton, News Editor with RTQ-7 and QNTV travelled extensively, filming for the Brisbane TV channels. John then wrote another book "Charleville - The Flood".

Lorraine, Kate and Liz thank everyone for their love and support.

***Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?***

***Kids Make Nutritious Snacks***

Do they taste like chicken?

***And the winner is.... Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead***  
Did I read that right?



This month we have seen the Relay for Life and many Big Morning Tea's being held for the Cancer Council. Cancer has touched everyone lives in one way or another. I recently attended an afternoon tea where the following poem written by Kym Eltel was read and I am sure you will have a laugh. If you have the opportunity of supporting a Morning tea please do so.

### Jelly Melons

*I guarantee you won't have heard a yarn like this before,  
And some folk, when they hear it, end up laughing on the floor.  
See, boobs get called a lot of things, like melon, jug or breast.  
Some ladies just have mozzie bites, while some are truly blessed.*

*But anyone with boobies is a candidate you see,  
Since one in ten gets cancer and that lucky "one" was me.  
They told me I had cancer – don't be worried, I'm OK –  
I wasn't sick, it didn't hurt, the cancer's gone away.*

*I had to get one boob removed, that's what the Doc decided,  
Then one was there and one was ...gone! I looked a bit lop-sided.  
I got an artificial boob, voluptuous and round,  
So now I look just like before but one thing I soon found:*

*I didn't buy the proper bra, my first prosthetic sin.  
They need a special pocket see, to keep the rascals IN!  
"A hundred flamin' dollars for a pocketed brassiere! No thanks!  
I'll keep my push-up bra!" I told the young cashier.*

*I sweated at the gym each day and lost a lot of weight.  
In mirrors all along the wall, I thought I looked just great.  
I struggled on the jog machine, admiring my reflection.  
I saw a fellow, tall and dark – he looked in my direction!*

*I sucked my chubby belly in, tried not to wheeze so loud.  
That gorgeous hunk kept watching me despite the busy crowd.  
He smiled at me and pointed, like he wanted my attention.  
My heart rate started rising, I could hardly stand the tension.*

*I wished I'd worn my purple top, it makes my boobs look great.  
I smiled as he approached, in case he asked me on a date.  
Then suddenly, my eyeballs flew to movement on the floor.  
A part of me had broken free and headed for the door.*

*My falsie must have popped right out to see what's going on!  
My little jelly melon was intent on being gone.  
It dodged and weaved and zapped around like Pac-Man on the  
loose. It darted past the toilets to the doorway marked  
"masseur"*

*It wobbled past the bicycles towards the drink machine.  
It rolled around the people's feet, behind and in between.  
I wondered – should I run and hide or chase the rotten thing?  
The spunky guy drew nearer so I jogged with extra spring.*

*His muscles rippled as he walked. I loved his big brown eyes.  
My stomach tickled, full I think of love-struck butterflies.  
I wondered if my heart-beat echoed down the corridors.  
He leaned real close and whispered soft, "excuse me, is that  
yours?"*

*He pointed at my bouncing titty, hopping like a rabbit.  
I kept my cool and calmly said, "Oh yeah mate, can you grab it?"  
To my surprise, he galloped off in hot pursued chase.  
It must have seen him coming 'cause it seemed to pick up pace!*

*It hurtled on a mission – was it heading for the bar?  
We heard some ladies screaming as it nose-dived in the spa.  
A tidal wave of heated water gushed across the floor  
As frightened girls exploded out and bolted for the door.*

*You'd swear the flamin' Loch Ness Monster raised his ugly head  
And steaming, semi-naked bodies jiggled as they fled.  
My skin-toned artificial breast soon learned it couldn't float  
And as the poor thing bobbed, then sank, a lump rose in my  
throat.*

*It had no arms to paddle, so it tumbled down... and down...  
Just like a dying jellyfish... we watched it slowly drown ...  
You know how in that fairy tale, that girl called Cinderella ...  
She dropped her shoe, he picked it up and Cindy caught her fella?*

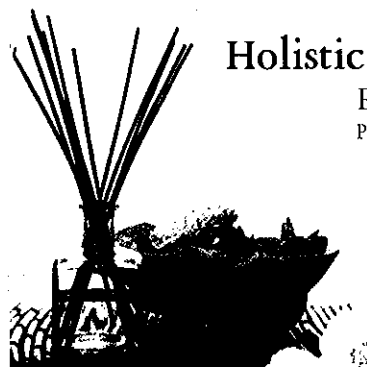
*Well Peter (he's the spunky guy), he saved my jelly melon!  
He says one day, we'll tell our kids this story I'm now tellin.  
Although our introduction was a little bit off-key,  
We're married now and all because of a titty escapee!*

*This story ended happily. I didn't die of shame.  
It wasn't little booby's fault, there's only me to blame.  
I should have paid attention to that clever Breast Care nurse,  
But I was too tight-fisted then to open up my purse.*

*If you ever get a boob removed and end up with a fake,  
It's not so bad, they're kind of fun – so laugh for goodness sake.  
I offer this advice to you, and warn you – don't you mock it –  
Just pay the bloody money, buy a bra that has a pocket.*

#### HANDY HINTS

For mothers of young pre-school children.  
If darling little Johnny has discovered the joy of scribbling on your  
Walls with crayon, just spray the area with WD40 and wipe with  
a clean rag. Works wonders.



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## RECIPE CORNER - BEEF AND BACON MEATLOAF

<p>1 teaspoon olive oil                  1 small onion, finely chopped                  1 small carrot, coarsely grated                  1 clove garlic, crushed                  500g beef mince                  1 cup fresh breadcrumbs, plus a little extra                  2 rindless bacon rashers, chopped, plus                  1 extra rasher, chopped                  ¼ cup grated cheese, plus a little extra for top                  1 egg, lightly beaten                  1 tablespoon tomato sauce                  ½ tablespoon Worcestershire sauce                  ½ teaspoon dried oregano</p>	<p>Preheat oven to moderate. Line base and long sides of a 10x20 loaf pan with baking paper, leaving sides overhanging.                  In a frying pan, heat oil on high. Sauté onion, carrot and garlic, until onion is tender. Cool slightly.                  In a large bowl, combine onion mixture, mince, cheese, egg, sauces and oregano. Mix well and season to taste.                  Transfer mixture to loaf pan, leaving top slightly rough.                  Place in oven and bake for 20 minutes. Drain off any liquid.                  In a bowl, combine extra breadcrumbs, bacon and cheese. Sprinkle over top of meatloaf. Bake a further 20-25 minutes</p>
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**This is the only time you see this phenomenon in your life - August Calendar 2014**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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August, this year, will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays.

**This happens only once every 823 years. Guess we will not see the next one!**

The Chinese call it 'Silver pockets full.'

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# What's happening this month?

## Meetings

**QCWA** Ridgeland's Branch meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

### Stitch and Chat Group

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month starting at 9:30am. QCWA room, all welcome  
Ph 49 345145

### Ridgeland's & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Next meeting 9 July commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Ridgeland's Show grounds.

## Events

### Alton Downs Hall Committee

will be holding dances on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> August and 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. Super, Raffles and Novelties. Everyone welcome.

**The Fitzroy Northern area rate payers association** would like to advise their meeting dates for 2014.  
August 4 - Ridgeland's Hall  
November 3 - Alton Downs Hall  
They welcome all residence in the area to meetings, especially the AGM in February.

**Alton Downs Sports & Recreation grounds.** If you do not feel like cooking on Friday nights why not go down to the Alton Downs Sports & recreation grounds from 6.00 p.m. – 8.00p.m. Burgers, Fish & Chips and homemade chicken bites are served.

## Community Notices

### Alton Downs Hall Committee

To book community hall please contact Booking Officer, Sid Hoare on 49 341147.

Alternatively call,  
T Hoare 49 34 1493  
J Chippendale 49 345120.

**QCWA Ridgeland's Branch** will be hosting an International day morning tea at the Ridgeland's Community Hall, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30 a.m. For further details, please contact Joyce Chippendale on 4934 5120.

## Celebrations



Happy Birthday to everyone who is having a birthday in June.

Ken Stewart  
Merle Smith  
Laraine Lawton  
Adam Bull  
Philip O'Neill  
Kay Milner  
Greg Thompson  
Ashley Moore  
Merv Moore  
Kelly Shepherd  
June is a very popular month.

## Congratulations



### WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations go to Ashley Hinz and Sandi Stanke on your wedding on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. May your honeymoon last forever. Congratulations also go to Jason Rosenberg and Jodi Fletcher on your wedding on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. We wish you all the happiness in the world.

### New Arrival



Congratulations go to Matthew and Diana Hinz (nee Jones) on the arrival of their daughter Lilah Alisha, sister for Bella. Granddaughter for Gavin & Narelle Hinz and Stewart & Glenda Jones.

### Engagement

### Congratulations



Congratulations and best wishes for the future to Nathan Kime and Tegan McLeod on their engagement. Nathan is a past student of the Ridgeland's State School and grandson of Ken & Margaret Stewart.

**Condolances** – we wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Jean Shannen and family on the recent loss of your husband, father and grandfather – Roy Shannen. Our thoughts are with you.

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