

Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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Around the Ridges and a Bit Beyond is a community and school newsletter.

The newsletter is produced monthly, and is funded through sponsorship and advertising.

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, please send all material in by the 12th of every month.

Advertising for special events must be submitted two months in advance.

**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.

A PLEA FOR HELP

A number of years ago the 'Around the Ridges' newsletter was created to fill a niche in the community for consistent access to relevant local information. Each month, a dedicated bunch of locals gathered together at the Ridgeland State School to collate news items, select and edit stories, print, staple and fold over 700 copies of the well-read publication for postal distribution to the areas of Alton Downs, Pink Lily, Ridgeland, Dalma and further afield.

Since then, social media has taken off, the Around the Ridges website has grown and blossomed in content - and the electronic notice board at the Lion Creek Bridge offers constantly changing and up to date content for local residents.

Should we continue to produce the newsletter? For many people in this area the newsletter still has a vital role to play in the sharing of information. From carefully-penned obituaries of much-loved residents - to birthday greetings, information about businesses run by local people, holiday stories, recipes and news of events - the monthly six page newsletter offers a charming commentary on our community life. Anecdotally, people out here still enjoy receiving and reading the newsletter.

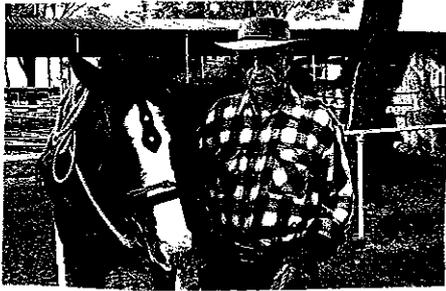
But here's the pinch. To produce the newsletter it costs time, a great deal of effort and a considerable amount of finances to successfully manage and distribute to the community. Here is how, you dear reader, can help in the maintenance of this little publication:

- * Write something for the newsletter (great for young and old aspiring authors in the district)
- * Offer to help with the printing, folding and stapling of the newsletter (meet a great group of locals while you work)
- * Send an anonymous donation made out to 'Around the Ridges' (c/- Robyn O'Neill, 180 Black Gin Creek Road) to cover a one month print run
- * Place a business sized advert for your local business or organization for \$70 (Receives inclusion in the next 12 months of the newsletter)
- * Come to the special fundraising event on 6 September at the Ridgeland Showgrounds - featuring multi-draws, raffles and games (proceeds to be split between the Showgrounds and the Around the Ridges newsletter)
- * Feeling generous? \$100 helps towards postal costs for one month.

Show your support and keep our 'Around the Ridges' newsletter quietly humming along and informing our community about the great place where we

live. Interested? Please contact Diane Bull on phone 4734 1192 for more information.





VALE 'HALEY'

Most visitors at the Ridgeland show would know of the 'horse works' display when a working heavy horse provides the 'horse power' in a circular motion to drive a chaff cutter or grain grinder, water pump or any other implement in the farming days of yesteryear.

The horse which has been used since the display began and has unfortunately been put down due to a very bad attack of colic.

'Haley' was rising 17 years and was bred by the Pointing family, Alton downs, and broken in around 2 years of age. She had light work for a couple of years and became a very trainable horse with a perfect temperament. This was well displayed when she performed her duty at the show.

Many folk around the Alton downs area would have seen 'Haley' in harness trotting around the roads at some stage. Pat acknowledged many a wave as motorists look his way with a look of approval!

'Haley' will be greatly missed and almost impossible to replace at short notice. However, plans are in hand to train another trusted animal to replace 'Haley'.

Pat and Joan Pointing would like to thank all the friends and acquaintances who have shown concern for their loss.

RECIPE CORNER

PUMPKIN & FETA MACARONI



Pumpkin, 250g, peeled, cubed
Cauliflower, ¼ head, cut into florets
Broccoli, ½ small head, cut into florets
Macaroni, 200g
Rindless bacon, 2 rashers, chopped
Cheddar cheese, ¼ cup, grated
Feta, 50g
BECHAMEL
Butter, 30g, chopped
Plain flour, 1-2 tablespoons
Milk, 1 cup, warmed
Preheat oven to moderate

In a saucepan of boiling salted water, cook pumpkin and cauliflower until tender. Add broccoli for final 2 mins. Drain. Cook macaroni following packet instructions. Drain and transfer to an oven-proof dish with vegetables.
Bechamel. In a saucepan, melt butter on medium heat. Add flour and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Remove from heat. Gradually whisk in milk, until smooth. Return to heat and cook, stirring until boiling and thickened. Simmer 3 Minutes. Season to taste. Remove from heat.
In a frying pan, saute bacon on high until golden brown. Pour sauce over vegetables, pasta and bacon, mixing gently. Scatter cheddar cheese and feta over the top.
Bake 25-30 minutes until lightly golden brown.





TAX TIME warning:

Many people are able to do their own tax online using ETax. This is Free from the ATO website. Be aware that if you 'google' Etax the first listed is a business that will charge you around \$90 to lodge your etax return. Save money by ensuring you are on the ATO website.

<https://www.ato.gov.au>

Archer Park Railway Family Fun Day Activity

There will be another Family Fun Day on Sunday 24th August 2014. The Purrey Steam Tram will run and there will be market stalls, vintage car displays, international dancers and much more! At the last event we had over 450 people through the doors. Open: 9am-1pm and Tram runs 10am-1pm Cost: Over 14 years - \$2 entry and Tram ride \$2.50. Under 14 years free.

Did you giveaway Black and White Border Collies born Oct 2013?

Could you have bred this pup?

She is 10 months old with the birth date on vet records as 6.10.13. She has a distinct while splash over her offside hip. Her face is ½ white and ½ black. I have recently adopted her and would like to view parents. I was told she came



from Alton Downs and was advertised in the HANDY TRADER possibly as a giveaway. She came to me known as 'Mitzee' and her first home was on Thozet Rd. Please ph Karen on 0427480044 after hours or text me and I will call you.

ENGINE CENTRE ROCKHAMPTON

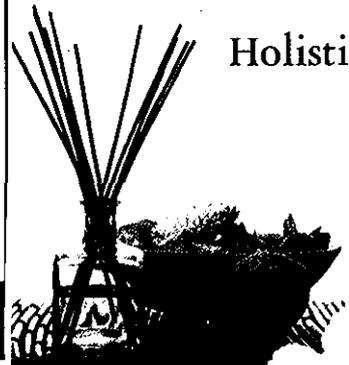
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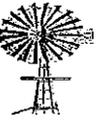
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Gardening Tips for a DRY climate *apart from never give up are:*

When choosing dry climate plants, look for those with leaves that have adapted to withstand heat. They're tough, leathery, waxy, silver, grey, hairy, succulent, shiny, or needle-like. Root systems with thick, succulent storage capacity are a sign that plants can withstand long periods without water. Sth Australian Trevor Nottle's rules for dry climate gardening include understanding:

- The lawn isn't going to be green all year;
- That by this time of the year many plants - even hardy ones - will be looking ratty.
- Trees are important to ameliorate heat and also provide shade for the house.
- Shade, as a gardening tool, is wonderful because it provides patterns of shadow.
- That even though it's dry you can still have different interesting shades of green, natural shapes and clipped and cut shapes. You can have leaves that absorb or reflect the sunlight. You can also have things that make patterns of shadow through the day.
- You can have yuccas that make really bold foliage statements.
- You can have interesting pots and paving and even little bits of sculpture and stuff that maintain interest and colour in summer when the garden is pretty much at rest. (Gardening Australia 2008)





What's happening this month?

Events

QCWA Ridgелands Branch meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday every month, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Stitch and Chat Group

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

Ridgелands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc.

AGM & Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Next meeting 10th September commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Ridgелands Show grounds.

Fund Raiser.

The Ridgелands & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn Inc will be holding a BBQ fund raiser on Saturday September 6th – 6.00 p.m. at the Ridgелands Show grounds with a multi draw raffle. Proceeds will be split with the Around the Ridges newsletter and the Ridgелands show. Our newsletter has been running for some 11 years and is a great way of keeping in touch with what is happening in our district. Our only source of income is from advertisers at a cost of \$70.00 per year (approximately 30 advertisers = \$2100) with additional income from flyers etc. This helps to offset the cost of printing and postage, but unfortunately is not sufficient to cover our total annual costs of \$4500.00. We would greatly appreciate your support at this fund raiser so that we may continue to provide this newsletter.

Events

Alton Downs Hall committee will be holding dances on Friday 29th August and 31st October, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Super, Raffles and Novelities. Everyone Welcome.

Meetings

The Fitzroy Northern area rate payers association would like to advise their meeting dates for 2014. November 3 - Alton Downs Hall. All all residence in the area are welcome to meetings, especially the AGM in February.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by a General Meeting to discuss the Fire Levy - Sunday 14th September, 2014
Time: 5pm

The meetings will be followed by a BBQ. Please bring along your Meat, Salad and a



Sweet to share. (Remember we have cutlery, plates and refrigerator.) BYO Drinks.

A Working Bee will be held at 9am on that morning, all help greatly appreciated.

Regards Narelle Hinz (Secretary)

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.

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Community Notices

Ridgелands CWA recently held their AGM and their new office bearers are:-

- President – Hilary Chippendale
- Vic President – Margo Harris
- Vic President – Kay Milner
- Secretary – June Killeen
- Treasurer – Geraldine Baker
- International Officer – Joyce Chippendale.

Celebrations



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

Jack Bush
Jeff Estreich
Leonie Thompson
Karen Munro

Condolances

Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of Jack Jones who passed away on Friday 8th August. Our thoughts are with you.

Congratulations



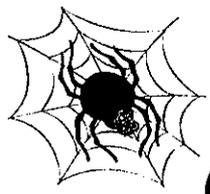
Lindsay and Kate, congratulations on your wedding.

May your future be full of happiness.

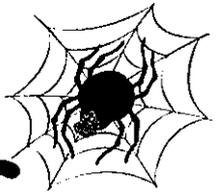
Trivia: The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!





RIDGELANDS STATE SCHOOL



Country Fair

Saturday 23rd August 2014

2 pm until Late on the school grounds

Kids jumping castle, Huge Inflatable Basketball hoop
Johnson Park Petting Zoo & Pony Rides



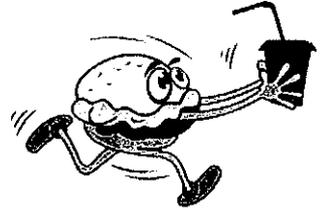
Face Painting - Glitter Tattoos - Curly Lou's Twisted Balloons



Market Stalls: Craft, Candles/Soap, Jewellery, Linen,
Cakes/Confectionery, LED products & more.

Circus Clown - Tyrone O'Reilly performing acts & tricks
during the afternoon & fire demonstration at night.

Ridgeland's SS P&C Catering Hot Food & Cold Drinks



Massive Multi Draw Raffle

Swaggy / Sack Races get your team together
great prizes up for the winners of each category

FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT MUSIC



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BAR UNTIL LATE

