

# Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond

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## Over 120 years of service to Rural Fire Brigade

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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.

**Sid Hoare and Peter Craig** were recognised for more than 120 years of service as volunteer fire fighters. Assistant Minister for Emergency Volunteers and Member for Mirani, Ted Malone, said he was doubly proud to be able to attend and present Sid Hoare and Peter Craig with their National Medal for Service (50 years) awards to officially recognise more than 120 years of joint service as volunteer fire brigade members.

“Any Member of Parliament would be proud to be able to stand beside constituents of this calibre, but to be able to do so in my role as Assistant Minister for Emergency Volunteers, makes me twice as proud” Mr Malone said.

“The Alton Downs Rural Fire Brigade has only ever had two Fire Wardens since it was established under the then Bush Fire Service, and Sid is the second, having taken over the role from his father who was the first Fire Warden, a piece of history in itself.” Mr Malone said that Mr Hoare had dedicated 67 years as a volunteer to the Alton Downs Rural Fire Brigade and was proud of his family’s history.

“Peter Craig has been a volunteer rural fire fighter for 64 years, having joined at just 14 years of age in Wowan. He then joined the Alton Downs RFB in 1976 and in 1982 took on the position of Secretary/Treasurer which he held for 23 years. He has given great service over many years and is highly respected for his dedication and commitment to the brigade and his community,” Mr Malone said. Mr Malone then said that both men are great examples of the volunteering ethos and highly valued members of their community. He said “It is people like Sid and Peter who are the backbone of our rural fire brigades and other emergency volunteer organisations that our communities look to in times of emergency, because these people know their community and are highly respected for their knowledge and experience.”



L to R – Peter Craig, Ted Malone MP, Assistant Minister for Emergency Volunteers and Sid Hoare in the Alton Downs Hall





### **Call to Get Ready Queensland**

Queenslanders know what happens when disaster strikes. The Gap storms, Cyclones Yasi, Larry, Oswald - these are names we all know. What if another was added to the list?

What if the power goes out and the water is cut off for at least three days, would you be ready?

**Would your family be able to survive three days?**

RACQ Get Ready Week from 13 to 19 October 2014 is your cue to get ready.

You can help protect your family. What if you had an emergency plan and an emergency kit with enough food and water?

What if you set up a meeting point and a contact person for your family?

Have you prepared your home and cleaned up any rubbish in your yard?

Log on to [getready.qld.gov.au](http://getready.qld.gov.au) and sign up for your personal **RACQ Get Ready Queensland plan**.

If disaster strikes, the best way to protect your family is to have a PLAN.

### **Queensland Rail's 150th Anniversary Special Steam Train Journey**

Next year Queensland Rail will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to celebrate this event there will be special steam train journey between Brisbane and Cairns.

Tickets for the journey are available now and the train will stop at many major towns and cities on the way up the coast and will use heritage stations wherever possible.

Passengers can take part in the entire journey to Far North Queensland, travel one sector or take a short journey between stops en-route.

To view a copy of the schedule and to purchase tickets go to

[www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au](http://www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au) or call 1800 753 150.

#### **APRICOT CRUMBLE TEA CAKE.**



125g, butter, melted, cooled  
2 eggs  
1 ½ cups self-raising flour  
¾ cup caster sugar  
½ cup light sour cream  
¼ cup custard powder  
1 teaspoon vanilla essence  
800g can apricot halves, well drained  
Cream or custard to serve

#### **CRUMBLE**

¾ cup self-raising flour  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/3 cup white sugar  
75g butter, chopped

#### **METHOD**

Preheat oven to moderate. Lightly grease a 20cm square cake tin.

Line base and sides with baking paper.

In a bowl, beat butter and eggs together. Add flour, sugar, sour cream, custard powder and vanilla. Continue beating at low speed, until pale and creamy.

Pour ¾ of batter into tin. Spread apricots evenly over. Top with remaining batter.

#### **CRUMBLE**

Sift flour and cinnamon together into a bowl. Stir in sugar.

Using fingertips rub in butter until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Sprinkle crumble evenly over batter.

Bake 1 ¼ hours, until cooked when tested. Cover with foil if browning too quickly.

### **Stealing- contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000**

Unknown offender/s have entered a yard through the shut but unlocked gate of a residence on Alton Downs Nine Mile Road, Alton Downs, between September 12 and September 13 and removed an **American Pit Bull Terrier**.

Police urge all residents to be vigilant with the security of their property. By ensuring homes and vehicles are locked and property secured it will decrease the likelihood of becoming a victim of an opportunist crime. Police encourage members of the public to report any suspicious behaviour. You can view crime within your area via our [CrimeStats](http://CrimeStats)

**Anyone with information which could assist with this matter should contact Crime Stoppers anonymously via 1800 333 000 or [crimestoppers.com.au](http://crimestoppers.com.au) 24hrs a day.**

**Crime Stoppers is a registered charity and community volunteer organisation working in partnership with the Queensland Police Service.**

**For all non-urgent police reporting or general police inquiries contact Policelink on 131 444 or [Policelink.qld.gov.au](http://Policelink.qld.gov.au) 24hrs a day.**

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Evan Robinson (Robbie) gave us this photo of **Pink Lilly School** which another former student had given to him. The man is his father **Archibald Henry Robinson**, who was a conductor on the Purrey Steam trams for 49 years -. They lived at Pink Lilly where Oram's Nursery is now.

**NOT ONE DAY OFF SICK – This article appeared in the local paper on Mr A Robinson’s retirement.**

After 49 years’ service, during which period he did not take a day’s sick leave, Mr Archibald Henry Robinson will retire from the City Council’s transport department at the end of the month. At Monday afternoon’s meeting of the council the Mayor (Ald R.B.J.Pilbean) paid tribute to Mr Robinson’s work with the department. He said it was a wonderful achievement to have worked for so many years and not take a day’s sick leave. This showed that Mr Robinson was both a healthy and honest man. He had set a fine example. In his tribute to Mr Robinson the Deputy-Mayor (Ald L Georgeson), who is a medical practitioner, asked for the secret of Mr Robinson’s good health record so that he might pass it onto others. The chairman of the passenger transport committee (Ald H R Gardner) also paid tribute to Mr Robinson’s work over the years. Thanking alderman, Mr Robinson said when he first started with the department the working conditions were probably at their worst. There were no lights at the tram shed, nor could the men get a drink of water. It was a seven-day working week and there were no holidays. “Things have improved a great deal since then”, he added. When he ceases duty will have worked 27 years’ continuous night work.

***CQ Convoy For kids and The Alton Downs Pony Club would like to say a big thank you to everyone that came an supported the charity barrel race. In the end we raised a total of \$400 towards the charity and \$300 for the Alton Downs Pony Club. Without your support today this event would not have been possible. Also a big thank you to the sponsor of this event McKirber Park Bulk Haulage - Amber Patteson***

**THANK YOU MR JACK BUSH**

Jack Bush has recently given the school a donation of a Yamaha organ for the music room. We are sure the students will make use of it.

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# What's happening this month?

## Events

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

### DANCE

Alton Downs Hall Committee will be holding a dance on **Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> October**, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Super, Raffles and Novelties. Every Welcome.

## Meetings

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

### Alton Downs Hall Committee

To book the hall please

Contact: Sid Hoare on 49 341147.

T Hoare 49 34 1493

J Chippendale 49 345120.

## Community Notices

### Archer Park Rail Museum

Rides on Purrey Steam Train

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October

9.00am -1pm

Entry Cost – over 14 years \$2.00

Under 14 years – Free

Tram Ride \$2.50

## Community Notices

### CWA News

The members of the QCWA Ridgeland's branch would like to thank the community for attending the cent sale that was conducted at the Ridgeland's Hall

on the 14<sup>th</sup> September for the **Capricornia Rescue Helicopter Service as it raised over \$700.00.** The members would like to extend an invitation to any new people in the surrounding district to join the Ridgeland's Branch of the QCWA as new members. You will find a friendly group of woman who will welcome you to our branch.



LICENSED  
CHRISTMAS  
KARAOKE

In aid of the Ridgeland's Hall Fund. **Saturday 29th November 2014, 6 30 pm.** At the RIDGELANDS HALL Roast pork, roast beef and vegetables, followed by sweets. Adults \$15 00, with a lucky meal ticket, Primary school children \$7.00, Sweets \$3.00 Parents place a Gift (suggested limit \$10.00) under the Christmas Tree with your Child's name attached.

On the night SANTA will arrive to present the gifts.

RAFFLE and AUCTION. SEE YOU THERE FOR A GOOD NIGHT OUT.

## Celebrations



Happy Birthday to everyone who is having a birthday in November:

*Robyn O'Neill*

*David Fry*

*Judy Stanke*

*Diane Roberts*

*Rosie Oates*

### WORD (try to say it)

kakorrhaphiophobia

means fear of failure 😊



## New Arrivals

Congratulations to Nathan and Kathy **Crossland** on the arrival of their son Oscar Edwin on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, brother for Ivy, grandchild for Robert & Annette Bishop.

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**Missing** - Missing from Alton Downs-Nine Mile Rd, a tan and white Staffy. Much loved family pet - comes to **Nitro**. If found or you know *anything* please call 0402517238 – Luke

## Fun Signs

### **In a Non-smoking Area:**

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

### **On a Maternity Room door:**

"Push. Push. Push."

### **Outside a Muffler Shop:**

"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

### **In a Veterinarian's waiting room:**

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

### **Does Your Venue or Club use a**

**PA system? The frequencies**

**allowed are changing from**

**January 1 2015 and you may**

**have to update see**

**<http://www.acma.gov.au>**

